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Dep.	6.40	6.50	7.02	7.16	7.31	7.59	8.29	8.48	9.07
Arr.	9.05	9.15	9.24	9.38	9.53	10.21	10.51	11.21	11.51
Dep.	11.51	12.01	12.10	12.24	12.39	13.07	13.37	14.07	14.37
Arr.	14.07	14.17	14.26	14.40	14.55	15.23	15.53	16.23	16.53

	Shatin	Fanning	Tai Po	Shamshui	Yau Ma Tei	Kowloon
Dep.	7.19	7.39	7.51	7.41	7.59	8.29
Arr.	8.08	8.18	8.27	8.37	8.55	9.05
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WHAT THE INDUSTRY DOES IN PERSIA.

Sir John Cadman, chairman-de-
signate of the Anglo-Persian Oil
Company, drew a vivid picture of
a world without petroleum, in an
after-lunch address on "Oil from
the Empire point of view," which
he delivered to members of the
Royal Colonial Institute, at the
Cannon-street Hotel.

Asking his audience to consider
what would happen if the world
were suddenly deprived of petro-
leum, Sir John said civilisation,
as it stood to-day, would for a time
almost come to a stop. There would
be no motoring, no aviation, more
than 25,000,000 motor vehicles would
instantly form a widely dispersed
scrap-heap.

Without petroleum another coal
strike would not only shake the
structure of our industrial exist-
ence, but might shatter it beyond
repair. Without it the wheels of
every factory would slacken and
stop, and the navies of the world
would fall derelict, permitting
heaven knows what grotesque
balance of power to emerge from
the resultant confusion. Without
it, again, the hopes of human pro-
gress, based upon the civilising
power of improved transport, would
fade and evaporate; and last, but
not least, a large proportion
of the world's inhabitants would be
robbed of that kindly, artificial
light and handy fuel which to-day
brought comfort to the four corners
of the globe.

It was, he thought, reasonably
safe to predict that the "tomorrow"
of petroleum would far outshine the
brilliance that to-day attended its
achievements, and that the ultimate
destiny of coal must be its conver-
sion into oil and petroleum prod-
ucts, and gas, leaving a residue
which had no calorific value at all.

The so-called antagonism between
coal and oil he said, always regarded
as a profound illusion, and he wel-
comed the dawn of a new era in
which comparable oil products
might well be obtained from coal
as from natural oil. If they looked
at the map of the world to-day
in terms of oil, they had to admit
reluctantly that it was predomi-
nantly American, but in the light
of the knowledge they possessed they
in the British Empire were entitled
to look for results comparable to
those of the United States. (Cheers.)

British Traditions Applied in
Persia.

Commenting on the Government's
holding as an ordinary shareholder
in the Anglo-Persian Oil Company,
Sir John gave some interesting
details of the transformation that
had been effected as the result of
British collaboration in Persia. A
rocky wilderness, he said, had be-
come a flourishing area of indus-
trial activity, which now stood
revealed as one of the richest single
oilfields of the world. About 25,000
people were employed in the oil
industry there, the great bulk of
whom, except for 1,000 Europeans,
were of Persian nationality. If
these dependent on a wage-earners
were included, a total of some
150,000 Persians was involved. The
whole fabric was being built up on
the basis of British tradition, and
it was a prime factor in the com-
pany's policy to maintain friendly
relations with the Persian people.

"Let no one imagine," he con-
cluded, "that the company is in
any way an instrument of the Gov-
ernment, to be employed with
Machiavellian tortuousness in at-
taining obscure political objectives.
It is very definitely nothing of
the sort. It is a purely com-
mercial in duty conducted for
strictly commercial ends on severe-
ly commercial lines. I can give
you the most categorical assurance
that in the Anglo-Persian Oil Com-
pany the touchstone of commercial
return is applied to every propo-
sition with the most rigid impar-
tiality. Human judgment is fal-
sible, and its fruits are unequal;
but of the company—as I trust,
of every great company of purely
British constitution—it can be affirmed
that its motives are clean and its
objective is plain to all men."
(Hear, hear.)

INDIANS AND LORD BIRKENHEAD.

GROWING ADMIRATION.

A STRONG MAN AND A FAIR DEALER.

Lord Birkenhead's promised visit
to India in the autumn is eagerly
awaited by many Indian politicians,
who believe that a personal study
by the Secretary for India of
Indian conditions will convince an
unbiased and clear-sighted observer
of India's progress and rapidly ap-
proaching fitness for full Dominion
status.

They also believe that Lord Bir-
kenhead is willing to be convinced
if the evidence they can offer is
sound. He has shown his sympathy
for legitimate Indian aspirations;
he has invited co-operation in the
most friendly terms; he has come
back with a renewed invitation
after a foolish and insulting dis-
regard of the first. And yet with
all his sympathy he has made it
perfectly clear that he will stand
no nonsense.

There are still two things which
India loves and to which she will
respond; and those two things are
strength and generosity. Discussing
the Statutory Commission and the
next instalment of reforms, Lord
Birkenhead said: "We are not the
slaves of a date," and he promised
that if India showed good will he
would be no niggardly bargainer.

A Hard Hitter.

But he has also on occasion hit
straight and hard at communal dis-
cord, blaming faction leaders with
a directness that more timid critics
have too often lacked, and stating
point-blank that until communal
rioting stops India cannot expect
the smallest slice of her promised
1929 birthday cake.

There is a suggestion of the
strong man and the potentially
generous man whom India, slowly
and perhaps grudgingly, is begin-
ning to think of as a friend. Neither
a promise nor a threat is lightly
made, and neither—so Indians feel
—is likely to be forgotten.

Perhaps his legal abilities are a
more valuable passport to Indian
esteem than is generally recognised,
for India takes to the law with
enthusiasm and regards a lawyer
of outstanding merit with natural
respect.

As a politician he showed his
cleverness by refusing to accept the
provocation offered by the Swar-
ajists, or Home Rulers, and so play
their own game. Instead he coun-
tered and disarmed them by offer-
ing unexpected conciliation.

The response to his appeal for co-
operation has been such as to raise
anguine hopes of continued steady
progress, and such as definitely to
reflect Lord Birkenhead's success in
dealing with Indian problems.

THE CITY'S GOLD PLATE.
SURPRISE FOR FRENCH
NAVAL OFFICERS.

A sight which even few Londoners
have seen greatly impressed Com-
mander E. Martel, of the French
Fishery Protection sloop *Quentin*
Rosewell, now lying in the Pool of
London.

In the strong room beneath the
Mansion House Commander Martel
and other officers were shown the
glittering array of precious City
plate, hundreds of years old.
Commander Martel and his
officers were the guests at luncheon
of the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland
Blades, M.P. To a reporter the
commander afterwards said:
"It is a magnificent collection.
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the same kind. The Mansion
House and your charming Lord
Mayor are unique. In Paris we
have not the same customs or the
same traditions.
The Lord Mayor means some-
thing far more than the Maire
of Paris. The Lord Mayor has a
position that is unique."

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.
Entries close for Hong Kong
Lawn Bowls League.
Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30
p.m.
3rd Annual general meeting
Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., 2nd
Floor, Powell's Building, 3 p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament
(details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel
Savoy, and Cafe Parisien, 4.30
p.m.
Choral Evening, St. John's
Cathedral, 5.45 p.m.
Annual Meeting Institution of
Engineers and Shipbuilders, of
Hong Kong.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8
p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Success."
World Theatre: "Silken Shackles."
Star Theatre: "The Beautiful
Cheer" and "Cornered."
Principal Mail: Inward: Europe
via Suez (Malta). Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Malta), 5
p.m.; (Delia), 2.30 p.m.

Friday.
St. Paul's College sports, H.K.
F.C. ground, Happy Valley, 1.30
p.m.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament
(details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel
Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and
Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. H.M.S. *Tamar*
and small ships, U.S.R.C. ground,
5.15 p.m.

Annual meeting Hong Kong
Automobile Association, Jardine,
Matheson's office, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8
p.m.

Lantern Lecture on "Japan," by
Mr. A. H. Crook, Sailors' and
Soldiers' Home, for H. M. Forces,
8 p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present
"H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre
Royal, 9.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "For Heaven's
Sake."
World Theatre: "The Lucky
Devil."
Star Theatre: "The Ne'er Do
Well."

Principal Mail: Outward:
Australia, etc. (St. Albans), 2.30
p.m. Outward: Europe via Siberia
(Shantung), 8.30 a.m.

Saturday.
Entries close for Lawn Bowls
Open Championship.
Football and Cricket: Details in
Saturday's issue.

Regatta and Gymkhana, Royal
Hog Kong Yacht Club.
Central British School Annual
Sports, King's Park.
Closing Day: Kowloon Bow-
ling Green Club and distribution of
prizes.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel
Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's College Founder's
Day celebration. Prize Distribution
by Mr. W. W. Hornell, O.I.E.,
M.A. (Vice-Chancellor University),
Great Hall University, 7.30 p.m.
Dinner Dance, Cafe Parisien, 8
p.m.

Hong Kong Philharmonic Society
present "H.M.S. Pinafore,"
Theatre Royal, 9.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "For Heaven's
Sake."
World Theatre: "The Lucky
Devil."
Star Theatre: "The Ne'er Do
Well."

Principal Mail: Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Macedonia),
10.30 a.m.

Fanning Hunt Meet, Sheung Shui
Police Station, 9.30 a.m.
Golf: Captain's Cup; Royal
Hog Kong Golf Club v. Army
Golfing Society.

Social Gathering, St. John's
Cathedral Hall, 7 p.m. (Service
Men Invited).
Principal Mail: Inward: U.S.A.,
Canada, etc. (President Jackson).

Monday.
Entries close for Volunteer Corps
Annual Rifle Meeting.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament
(details in sports column daily).
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel
Savoy, King Edward Hotel, and
Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8
p.m.

H.K. Philharmonic Society present
"H.M.S. Pinafore," Theatre
Royal, 9.30 p.m.

Principal Mail: Inward: Aus-
tralia, etc. (Adafara). Outward:
Europe via Siberia (Yenyo Maru),
10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.
H.K.C.C. Tennis Tournament
(details in sports column daily).
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15
p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, Hotel
Savoy and Cafe Parisien, 4.30 p.m.
Dinner dance, Cafe Parisien, 8
p.m.

"Molly Kennedy," at Royal
Naval Canton Theatre, 8.30 p.m.
Principal mail: Outward:
Europe via Marseilles (Antenor),
10.30.

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**SHANGHAI'S
DEMAND.**

**PROTECTION FROM
NATIONALIST CONTROL.**

**FEAR OF BETRAYAL BY
POLITICIANS.**

The following statement of Shanghai's attitude towards the Nationalist Government is made in the "North China Daily News" of March 24th. The outstanding demand is that the Hankow "experiment" shall not be repeated at Shanghai.

With the arrival of General Pei Chung Hsi and the Southern troops, order has been restored in Chapei and the unfortunate district is left to lick its wounds and recover as best it may. General Pei's assurances for the maintenance of peace are what might be expected of a subordinate of General Ho Ying Yum who has certainly established a reputation for fair dealing and for doing what he can to repress the Communist mob. But unfortunately there is no guarantee that either General Pei or General Ho will continue to control the Shanghai area. For two or three days they may do so. But it seems to be understood that Messrs. Eugene Chen, T. V. Soong, Sun Fo, and the usual Political Bureau are on their way from Hankow to take charge. If and when they come, we may expect a renewed outbreak of the mob violence customary at Hankow and wherever Southern politicians establish themselves.

At this critical juncture it is of the first importance that the foreign community of Shanghai should have a clear-cut idea of their stand. The Municipal Council in the Manifesto published to the world have given a splendid lead and it is essential that they should be backed up by the whole force of the community. Nothing is to be gained by recriminations, by pillorying this official or that, by futile crying over spilt milk. Shanghai stands now confronted with the most dangerous crisis in its career and it is vital that we should present a united front.

Fatal Concessions.

The thoughts of the average man, looking now to the immediate and distant future, might perhaps be expressed as follows: "We trust ourselves; we believe that our organisation for resisting strikes and other forms of economic pressure is good and that we can resist and overcome them. We trust most supremely in our splendid defence force, the Navy, the troops from Great Britain and elsewhere, the S.V.C. and the Police. We think that the British Government has done splendidly and wisely in sending this magnificent force to protect us and we thank them sincerely. Had it not been for that strong defence, the International Settlement might now be what Chapei is and worse. But, candidly, we are not sure of our respective governments in political matters. We frankly are afraid that we may wake up one morning to find that they have made fatal concessions to the Nationalists, just as was done at Hankow, under the twin delusions that the so-called Nationalist Government is a settled and permanent organisation and that its good will may be won by friendly gestures and conciliation."

Chaos In Nationalist Waks.

Now as regards these two delusions, let us stick to facts. Whether or not the pupils of Borodin can be won over by concessions and yet more concessions, is possibly a matter of opinion, though all experience teaches that this policy only spurs them to further excess. But certainly there can be no two opinions that the Nationalists are not yet and have not yet made any pretence of producing a settled government. They have been in Central China since last September and there is nothing of their creation which even remotely resembles organised government. There is no proper system of collecting revenue, none of account keeping, no idea of a budget, none of adequate policing and the ordinary machinery for protecting the life and interests of law-abiding citizens. There is nothing but a few so-called bureaux, impossibly named but with no substance or foundation. Sometimes attempts are made by the Nationalist Ministers to stop this bit of disorder or put down that instance of Labour Union arrogance; but always it ends in failure.

Flitting Government.

We do not doubt that Eugene Chen, in signing the agreement with Mr. O'Malley, meant and hoped to carry out his part of the bargain, but it is perfectly clear that he is unable to do so. From place to place the Nationalist Government flits, now in Canton, now in Hankow, presently in Shanghai, to-morrow it may be in Nanking, always with big professions and loud talk but with no reality except mob law and disorder and ruined trade.

These are statements of fact which cannot be disputed, and they are the whole argument for unwavering protection of the existing constitution of Shanghai.

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**AGITATORS AS
ADMINISTRATORS.**

**DIFFICULTIES OF THE
NATIONALIST
GOVERNMENT.**

**STUDENTS IN OFFICIAL
POSITIONS.**

The Kuomintang suffers from an abundance of propagandists but a dearth of men of administrative experience, according to a special writer in the "Ta Kung Pao" who has just returned from a visit to Hankow.

The result of this has been detrimental to the prestige of the party, the writer says. It is true that since the establishment of the Nationalist regime in Central China many office-holders of the former regime have been replaced by members of the Kuomintang, but in each case their successors are young students. They either make a mess of things to the discredit of their party, or entrust the conduct of their bureau or departments to their staff, many members of which have been retained from the former regime simply because they know the details of administration. These subordinates may render lip-service to the principles of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, but in most cases they are so steeped in the traditions of ancient officialdom that it is impossible to expect them to adhere to rules of integrity and honesty at once. Indeed, they often make fools of their superiors.

Young Greenhorns in Control.

Many young members of the Kuomintang have been appointed to magistracies in Hupeh, Hunan and other provinces under Nationalist control, but it is difficult to single out one for special mention. As a matter of fact, not a few of them have been complete failures. They are not to be wondered at; they are all greenhorns and have no political or administrative experience, although they may have made good as propagandists.

The scarcity of men of executive administrative ability is again evidenced by the fact that several members of the Nationalist Government hold more than one post. For example, Mr. Sung Tse Wen, the Nationalist Minister of Finance, has other duties to perform in Nanchang and Canton. He is still a young man, not more than thirty, and while he is energetic and moderate, he still lacks experience. In the discharge of his administrative duties he has to rely upon the help of a large staff. In matters relating to the handling of public funds, it is difficult even to expect those members of the Kuomintang with a reputation for honesty to observe rules of strict probity. There is considerable talk in Hankow that more than \$1,000,000 has been misappropriated by those entrusted with the collection of the revenue, and although the Minister of Finance has twice ordered the arrest of the offenders, the culprits are still at large.

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Whatever views our respective Governments may have for our future status, let us combine in urging them, with all the strength and unity we command, first to require of the Nationalist Government that it should prove itself a government in the organic sense of the word. There can surely be no wounding of the tender susceptibilities of Nationalism, in saying something like this: "We realise that while you are fighting a civil war, you have no time for details of internal administration; but in view of the tremendous interests at stake, those of your countrymen quite as much as ours, you will forgive us for saying that until you have given proof of the sort of administration you mean to produce, we cannot negotiate for any change in Shanghai's condition."

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The British Government has given to the Cantonese such a proof of its good will as no other government ever gave to another country. It has a clean record as regards China; it demanded no guarantees at Hankow; it made a free gift, morally it is, in the common phrase, "one-up" on the Nationalists. So far as Great Britain is concerned, her record is perfectly clear and she need have no hesitation in requiring that the Nationalists should give proof of what they can and mean to do before any discussion with them about Shanghai. This is the core of the Council's manifesto and on that condition let us stand unitedly.—North China Daily News.

**CHINESE UNABLE TO RUN
POSTAL SERVICE.**

**SIGNIFICANCE OF SHANGHAI
STRIKE.**

**"AN ILL AUGURY FOR THE
FUTURE."**

Quite apart from any consideration of the local situation, the complete stoppage of the Chinese Post Office, dealing with a vast amount of international mail matter in one of the world's busiest and most important commercial entrepôts, is a matter the gravity of which cannot but be over-estimated. That it should be possible for such an institution to be completely paralysed twice in the short space of one month would be unbelievable if it were not only too true. It is a matter that affects not only the local postal officials, the striking postal workers and the unfortunate houses and individuals whose mails have been held up indefinitely, but the whole fabric of the international postal system. It is a flagrant violation of the international postal agreement which all the nations concerned regard as binding and as unbreakable as any international compact could be, and that China has broken that agreement in a manner that must be unprecedented anywhere must constitute an ill augury for the future of the Chinese Post Office.

Result of a Concession to China.

In 1922 the foreign Powers voluntarily gave up their post offices in China on the understanding that China herself would provide a service as reliable and as unimpeachable as that of any other nation or nations. But the fact cannot be gainsaid that China has failed, and failed badly.

The next move must inevitably come from the other members of the International Postal Union. What that action will be it is too soon to envisage, but that it will be drastic and constitute a sure preventative of a recurrence of the present scandalous conditions is strongly to be hoped.

As a nation suited to belong to the International Postal Union, China has failed lamentably and the other Powers, members of the Union, can hardly fail to take notice of the fact. In the meantime, we can only hope for some slight relief to the present situation which, of all the happenings in China to-day, is at least one the possibility of which ought never to have existed. It is surely a very extraordinary thing, that adequate preparations can be made for the continuance of all other public utilities, but as regards the Post Office, nothing.—North China Daily News.

The Hanyehping Mines.

The "Ta Kung Pao" writer goes on to say that the lack of suitable technical men to carry on the administration is frankly recognized by the leaders of the Kuomintang. Immediately after the Nationalist regime was set up in Hankow, it was proposed to effect a reorganization of the Hanyehping mines, but none of the members of the Government could offer any concrete suggestion as to how this reorganization should be effected. It was finally urged that a telegram should be sent to the son of the late Mr. Sheng Hsuan Hui, the founder and one of the biggest shareholders of the company. The telegram was sent in the course, but was ignored by Mr. Sheng who apparently feared that the Nationalists would confiscate the assets of the company.

Financial Straits.

The financial stringency of Peking is proverbial, but the finances of the Nationalist Government are by no means better. The writer tells of a case in which a member on the Executive Committee of the Hupeh Provincial Government received \$100 after he had served it for five months. The Nationalist Army requires an expenditure of between \$12,000,000 to \$13,000,000 a month. Of this sum Kwangtung gives \$3,000,000 and Hupeh \$4,000,000, while the balance is to be furnished by Kiangsi and Hunan. The Kuomintang then comes in for a large share of the receipts of the Government, leaving very little to pay the administrative expenses of the Government.

Judges Hungry But Incurruptible! Judging from appearances the Ministry of Justice under Hsu Chien is the most lively of all the Government Departments, but its staff and judges of the Provincial Courts still work with empty stomachs. One judge complained to the writer that Minister Hsu always asked him and his colleagues to make all the necessary sacrifice for the revolution but the trouble was that the proprietor of the rice shop refused to make any sacrifice.

Appointments a Family Matter. Many office-seekers, disappointed in Peking, have gone to Hankow for employment, but very few of them are able to get jobs. In fact, unless one has influential connections with the members of the Kuomintang it is extremely difficult to get landed in Nationalist officialdom. One interesting feature in this connection is that the Communist members of the Kuomintang are ready to extend help to their brothers-in-law and other relatives. The pay of Nationalist officials is very low and not paid regularly.—Kuo Wen.

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Its production before one of the most brilliant audiences in the history of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, was greeted with extraordinary enthusiasm. It is Mr. Taylor's first opera, which, says a well-known *Evening Post* critic, would outstrip the bulk of recent productions if it had been composed by an Italian, and if written by a German would go the rounds of the German stages without serious competition.

The Story.

Miss Millay is adjudged by her compatriot critics to have written one of the few really poetic opera books in any language. The story lends itself excellently to operatic form. The opening scene reveals a Saxon banquet hall of rugged simplicity. At the table on a dais King Edgar carouses with the nobles, including Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury. The great goblins pass as Macbeth, striking a harp, sings an epic tale of battle and death. Ladies are allowed to be present and they sit modestly aside.

The King is a widower, and after growing weary of several years of single blessedness he chooses Aethelwold, his foster-brother and friend who loves not women, for the delicate mission of seeking a wife for him. Aethelwold departs for Devon to view the maiden Aelfrida, the daughter of the Thane of Ordgar. If she is as fair as she is said to be he is to bring her to be Queen of England.

In The Mystic Night.

Aethelwold sees her on Halloween in a misty wood where he is lost and she is busy with incantations suitable to the mystic night. They love without knowledge of each other's identity.

Too late Aethelwold realises who she is, and he is unable to carry out his mission. Instead he sends his squire to inform the King that she is only moderately fair and to beseech the royal sanction that he may wed her himself.

In the last act the unexpected visit of the king to the house of the Thane of Ordgar, where the wedded lovers dwell, brings the revelation of Aethelwold's treachery, and he stabs himself.

The music, rich in texture, is written with a born theatre sense and an admirable structural soundness.

"MIRACLE" FOR THE SCREEN.
TWO RIVAL COMPANIES CLAIM THE RIGHTS.

BATTALIONS OF "STARS."

The problem of maintaining the public interest in films in order to maintain in turn the ever-increasing number of what are now literally picture palaces is constantly exercising the chiefs of this vast business.

Recently an emissary from Hollywood—himself a clever director and on a very intriguing mission. His object—and it may be now have been achieved—was to arrange for stories to be written on this ingenious basis: That the writers, picked men of proved popularity, would have in mind in shaping their plots the personality of this and that "star." The story would be built round the chosen player—the fact not to be revealed until the story was reaching its climax.

Lady Diana Cooper.

This idea, with its limitless power of creating interest in an unmade film, seems much more ingenious and effective than that already in operation—the writing of stage plays purely from a film angle and then giving them Broadway runs, whether successful or not, for the sake of the prestige imparted.

As to the films themselves, the struggle for big subjects between the chief U.S. organisations is incessant. Both First National and Metro-Goldwyn are announced to have acquired the rights to "The Miracle." Both say that Reinhardt himself will supervise the production.

But if Metro have got it, then Lady Diana Cooper and Lillian Gish are named as the "stars." Lady Diana, who appeared in "The Great Adventure," filmed in England some years ago, has twice appeared as the Madonna in American stage productions of "The Miracle."

Metro are said to have paid over £20,000 for the film. And, anyhow, they pay Lillian Gish £1,600 a week, working or not.

The Six-Star Film.

Two stars like Lady Diana and Miss Gish in the same film is a spectacular proceeding ensuring appropriate box-office interest, but United Artists, who have been pursuing a policy of establishing a star monopoly, seek to go one better, according to reports.

It is proposed to pack one film with the following dazzling array (not counting "other stars as well"):

Mary Pickford, Norma Talmadge, Gloria Swanson, Douglas Fairbanks, Constance Talmadge, John Barrymore.

This combination of "stars" does not exceed numerically, although it does in individual value, the mass assembly Mr. C. B. De Mille has brought together for "The King of Kings." So many are the stars that among no fewer than forty players of importance for whose names there will be no room in the cast list are such as Josef Swickard, Dale Fuller, and George Marion.—*Evening Standard.*

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LOSS ON THE YEAR'S BUSINESS.

THE CHAIRMAN'S EXPLANATION.

A loss on the year of over \$6,000, was chiefly due to a sub-tenant absconding, and the Company having to bear the full loss of rent under the terms of the lease for several months, the destruction of useless stock, and the purchasing of new stocks on a falling exchange, explained the Chairman at the 20th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co., Ltd., held yesterday, at the Company's office, No. 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Building).

Mr. S. C. Pang was in the chair and was supported by Messrs. Kenneth Chan, Leung Yan Po (Directors) and C. Bond (Secretary). The shareholders present were:—Messrs. Pang Kwok-sui, Chow Tung Sang, Pang Kwok Fat and D. Rumjahn.

Chairman's Speech.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Your Directors regret that the working for the year under review has resulted in a loss of \$6,044.72 which after deducting the balance of \$743.13 brought forward from profit and loss account for 1925 makes a debit balance of \$6,151.59 which your Directors propose to carry forward to this year's account.

There were various causes contributing to the loss. Owing to the general depression of trade our turn-over for the year under review is the lowest as compared with previous years. During the year we were compelled to purchase our goods on a dropping exchange without a corresponding rise in sale prices. In fact, owing to the keen competition prevailing we had to cut down prices in most cases, thereby our profits were greatly reduced. Our chief loss, however, was due to a sub-tenant absconding without paying his rent and the Company had to bear the full loss of the rent under the lease for some months, which amounted to over \$3,000. Added to the above misfortune, there were some old and useless stocks amounting to about \$2,000 which the Directors deemed it advisable to destroy in order to make room for some saleable goods. Now that we have removed to our present premises and a fresh lease taken out on more favourable terms, we sincerely trust that once conditions become more normal we shall have far better results to place before you at our next annual meeting. With these few remarks I have much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts as presented and after they have been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question the shareholders may wish to ask.

Could Not Be Better Under Circumstances.

In seconding, Mr. Kenneth Chan said: Having heard the explanation given by our Chairman, and taking into consideration the unfavourable circumstance which unfortunately had adversely affected our business also, I think, gentlemen, you will agree with me that the result of last year's working, could not have been better than what was presented in the report and statement of accounts. I therefore have much pleasure in seconding the proposal submitted by our Chairman.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Kenneth Chan was re-elected a director of the Company on the proposal of Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors with a remuneration of \$750 on the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Chan.

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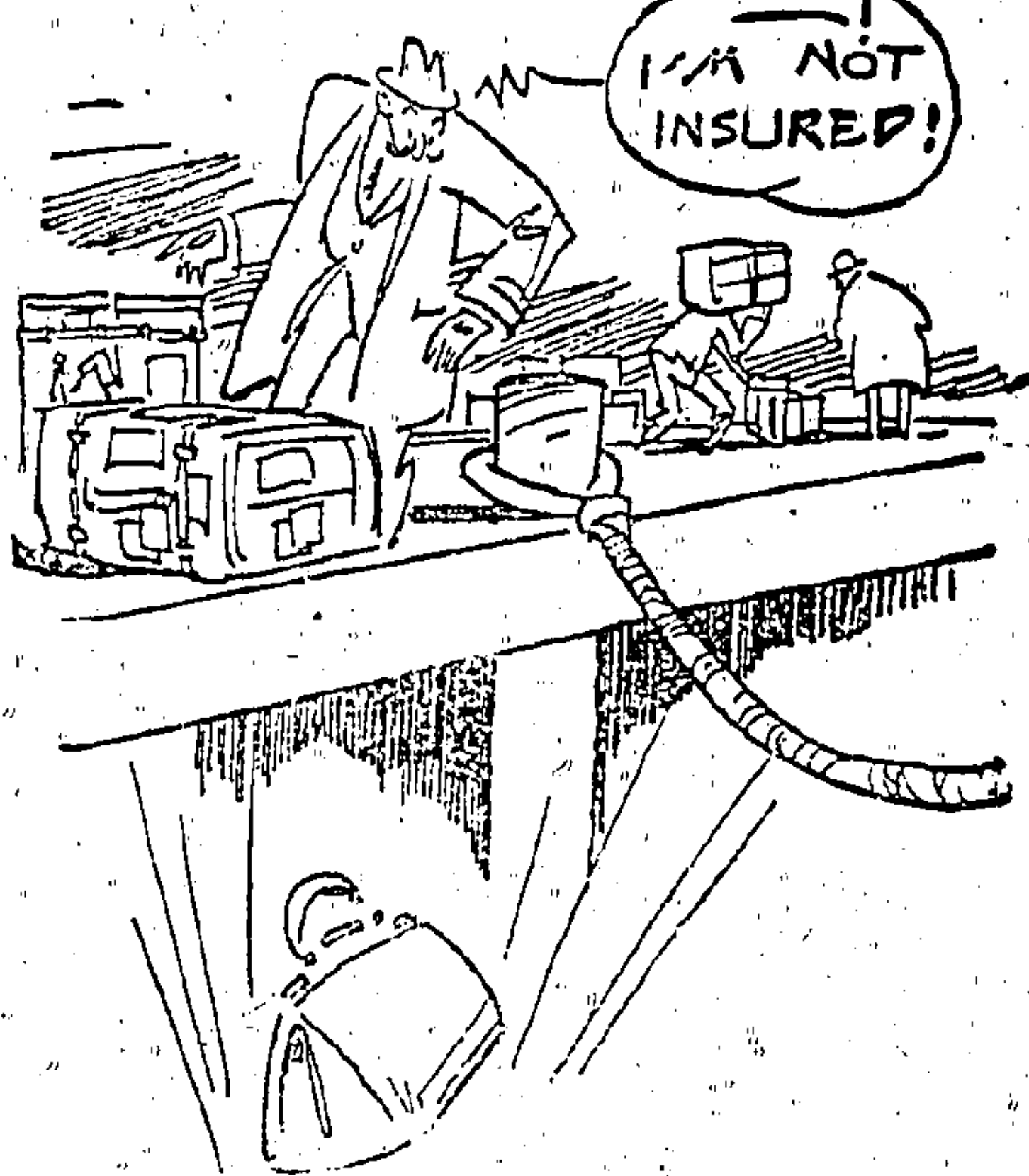
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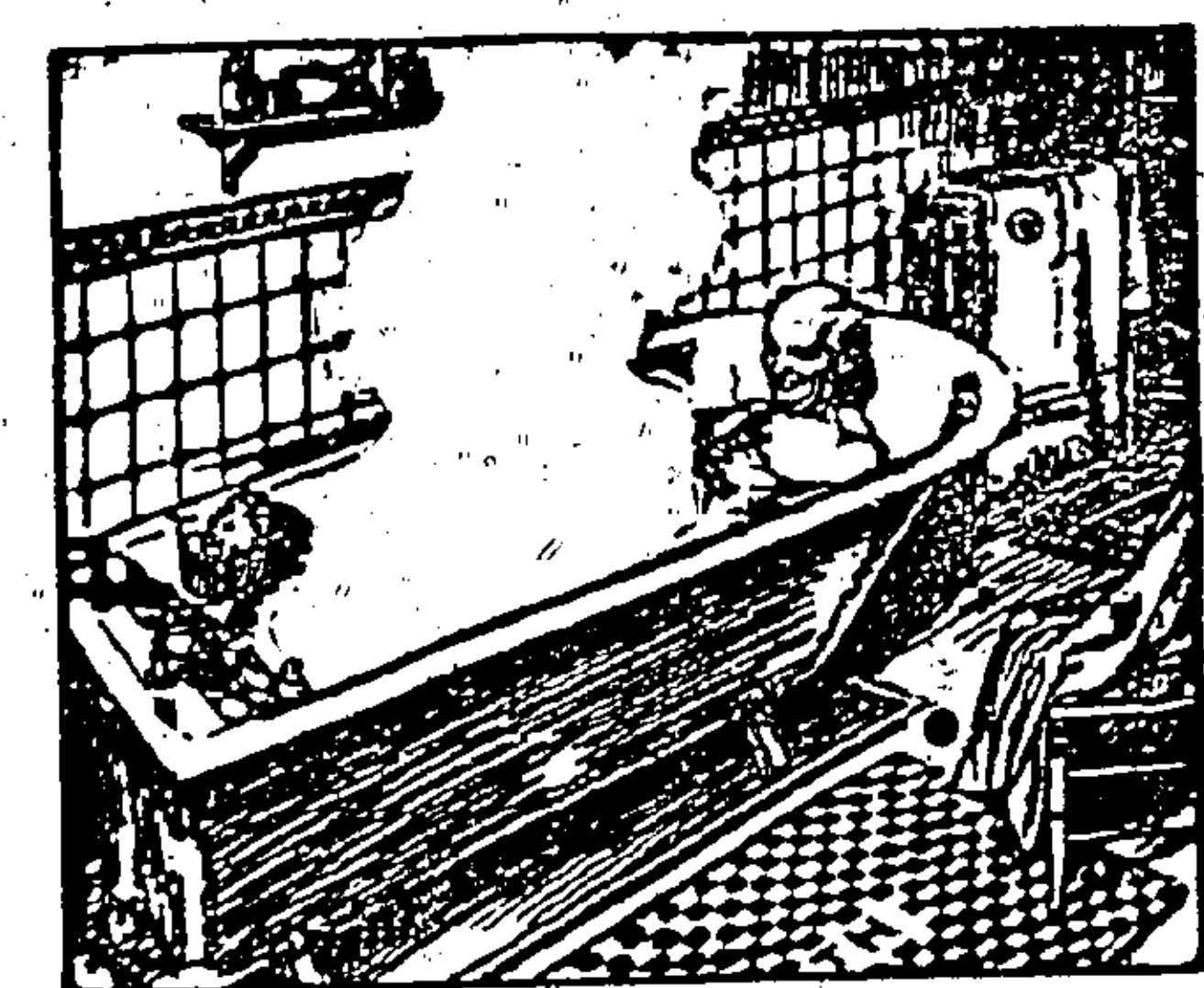
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THE CEMENT COMPANY.

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SHAREHOLDER'S SEARCHING QUESTIONS.

At the 33rd ordinary general meeting of the Green Island Cement Company, Ltd., held at the offices of the Company, St. George's Building, yesterday, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher advocated the closing down of the Deep Water Bay Works, in the course of a series of important questions put to the Chairman of the meeting.

The loss in the year's working, including depreciation, of \$82,005 was attributed to depression of business throughout the year. The Chairman was hopeful as to the prospects for the present year, and stated that the Aalborg Kilns were being replaced by a modern factory at Macao. The ground had been cleared at Hok Un in readiness for the installation of the latest Rotary Kilns as soon as funds were available.

Mr. R. G. Shewan was in the chair, and there were also present: Messrs. C. F. Mendham, J. Scott Harston, Allan Cameron, C. A. da Rosa (Directors), Allan Keith (Secretary), A. L. Shields, J. T. Bagram, N. V. A. Croucher, J. Coulthart, M. A. Figueiredo, M. Fernandez, Tong Hok Ting, O. Kitchell, A. Kitchell, D. L. King and P. M. N. da Silva (Shareholders).

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the CHAIRMAN said:—It is with great regret that your Directors have to lay before you such a poor report, but I said this time last year that I hardly dared to speak of our prospects at that time.

The loss for the year after allowing \$46,117.92 for depreciation amounts to \$82,005.57 and after deducting the sum of \$83,342.98 brought forward from 1925, there is a debit balance of \$29,562.65 which your directors recommend should be carried forward.

Cause of Loss.

The cause of this loss is wholly due to depression of business throughout the year, our sales being a little more than half of what they were in 1925. On the same basis of cost we would have made more than half the profit we made in 1925, but the increased cost of production, due to the lower output, practically wiped this out. At Macao we had to face expenses which brought us no return, owing to lack of trade, the factory there ceased working in February, 1926. On the other hand we cut down the staff and reduced expenses as far as we could, but this, of course, went a very little way as against the greatly increased cost of production.

It was, as you are aware, a bad year all round, but I think the prospects for the present year are more hopeful. At Hok Un we can do nothing to improve conditions until we can obtain fresh capital and erect modern Rotary Kilns, but at Macao we shall soon have the benefit of the two new Rotary Kilns which are just being completed, and later on of two more which are now at Macao waiting erection. So we hope in time to have 4 new Rotary Kilns working steadily at Macao and capable of turning out 23,000 casks of Cement per month instead of the 9,000 casks turned out previously. This will help us to carry on and to meet any increased demand until the day comes when we may be able to carry out our intention to build and equip a first class factory at Hok Un. Exchange has handicapped our export business, but it is now more in our favour and if it continues it will help us to regain our old markets abroad. With a lower exchange and a revival in the local building trade, we should certainly be able to lay before you next year a very different report, this year's next year but time alone can prove whether these hopes are justified. But in the past year you will easily understand that it was not possible to sell cement or bricks or anything else to local contractors who assured us that they had not a single contract on hand.

New Factory Site.

At the Hok Un Factory the old Aalborg Kilns have been demolished and the site is being prepared for new Rotary Kilns which we must install as soon as capital is obtainable. In regard to this you will notice that we have transferred the sum of \$140,474.85 from the 'Reserve for New Plant' to buildings and machinery, thus writing down, after allowing for sales of old machinery, etc., the present old plant at Hok Un to \$186,394.79. This figure is a conservative one for although the plant is very old, the buildings are in good condition and will be required when the new plant is erected.

You will also notice that we have transferred from the 'Reserve for New Plant' a further sum of \$34,525.16, to write off the preliminary expenses for the proposed new plant at Tan Wan, this proposition now being considered an

altogether too costly undertaking. On the other hand we are glad to say that the Government have withdrawn their objection to our remaining at Hok Un so long as we eliminate the smoke and dust nuisance and this we can do as it has already been successfully carried out by a Cement Works situated right in the middle of the city of Glasgow.

Rainstorm Damage.

I much regret that our Deep Water Bay Works show such a heavy loss for the year, but the demand for the articles manufactured there has been practically nil. The Brick Kiln is, however, now turning out Bricks at a cost should enable us to compete when the building trade recovers from its present stagnation. We also, as you will notice from the accounts, suffered serious losses there both from the rainstorm of July last and the typhoon of September.

Interest for the year has been a drain upon our resources due to the fact that after paying the dividend for 1925, our overdraft increased to nearly 8 lakhs, but this was reduced at the end of last year to 4 lakhs through it being unnecessary to purchase raw material during the year, and should similar conditions continue we expect the overdraft will be liquidated during the current year.

Sundry creditors standing in the accounts at \$6,217.82 have since been practically all paid. Investments at \$714,656 remain untouched.

Value of stocks of Raw materials at Hok Un are reduced by about 4 lakhs, no Limestone having been purchased last year.

The stock of Limestone which is now about 124,000 tons was checked by Messrs. Palmer & Turner during 1926, but I am pleased to report that their computation of the stock showed that our estimate was a conservative one.

A Summary.

To sum up and make the position quite clear to you we have first of all finished with the old Aalborg Kilns. Secondly we are replacing these by a modern factory at the ground at Hok Un in readiness for the installation of the latest Rotary Kilns as soon as funds become available.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make and I therefore beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions that shareholders may wish to put.

Mr. Croucher's Questions.

Mr. Croucher: What Capital outlay is represented in the property and Works at Deep Water Bay?

The Chairman: On December 31st, 1926, \$250,655.13.

Mr. Croucher: How much has been expended on those works during the last 14 years?

The Chairman: \$197,018.34 on buildings and machinery and \$6,392.50 on land.

What has been the net outcome of those works during this period of fourteen years—a profit or a loss?—A profit of \$51,041.02.

That is a very small, is it not?—That is a matter of opinion. Times have been very bad recently.

Close Down?

Mr. Croucher: It is the feeling of the shareholders that this branch of our business should be closed down, and in view of the fact that the recent reports of this Company's yearly working show that Deep Water Bay is losing money, will the directors please give this matter their early and earnest consideration with a view to closing down this part of the Company's operations?

The Chairman: This is a very serious question. I quite understand your feeling but to succeed to this we should have to dislocate the whole organisation and when an improvement comes in the market it would many months to train a new staff. Our fine new brick kilns, again, would be ruined.

14 Years, No Profit?

Mr. Croucher: But in 14 years we have made nothing.

The Chairman: If there had been the same demand as there was in 1925 we should be making a profit. However, this whole matter is already receiving the consideration of the Directors.

The Macao Extension.

Mr. Croucher: It is reported that the two mechanical grate kilns now erected at Macao were first erected at Hok Un. Is this so?—Yes, upon arrival in Hong Kong the two kilns were erected at Hok Un, but they have since been transferred to Macao where they were waiting re-erection.

How much was expended on them from the time they were ordered, shipped and erected at Hok Un?—The cost of the two kilns erected at Hok Un and since delivered at Macao was \$126,000.

Why were they dismantled?—To allow for the demolition of the Aalborg Kilns.

Mr. Croucher: What was the contract time for erecting the kilns at Macao? Is it true that the contractors took double that time and that owing to faulty construction of the new works at Macao, further expenditure was incurred in re-building same or part of same? Did the contract contain any penalty clause for non-completion. The final cost of these kilns is said to be \$711,000 odd. How is this made up?

The Final Cost.

The Chairman: There was no contract time as we did the work ourselves superintended by Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. The estimated time for the completion of the Rotary Grate Kilns at Macao was 18 months, but owing to numerous delays in the material coming forward, local conditions, etc., it was two years before they were finally completed. The only adjustments made after the buildings were completed amounted to two or three thousand dollars. The final cost of the completed plant was \$743,017.82.

Mr. Croucher: Has a new post, namely that of a sub-manager at Macao, been created during the period under review?

The Chairman: Mr. Haywood, who used to be in charge of our Singapore Agency, has been sent to Macao to take charge of the office there, so as to leave the Superintendent more time to supervise the running of the factory.

Mr. Croucher: Have you no expert of our own to do this supervision?

The Chairman: All the management staff are experts at the work. Mr. Croucher: Why should W. S. Bailey & Co. do this work then?

The Chairman: Our experts were busy with other work and the appointment of an extra man was needed.

Mr. Croucher: When times were prosperous, such an appointment was not considered necessary. Why should it be so now?

The Chairman: The plant at Macao has been increased on a much bigger scale.

Directors' Visits to Deep Water Bay.

Mr. Croucher: It is your opinion that expenses should be cut down.

The Chairman: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. Croucher: How often, during the period under review, have the directors personally inspected the works at Macao, Deep Water Bay and Hok Un?

The Chairman: All three works have been personally inspected by one or more of the directors during the past year.

Mr. Croucher: The Manager of the Hok Un Works has recently returned from Home leave. By whom were his duties performed during his absence?

The Chairman: By Mr. Pooley, who was then assistant works manager.

Mr. Croucher: Where is Mr. Pooley now? What salary does he draw? When does his agreement expire? Will it be renewed on expiry?

The Chairman: Mr. Pooley is in England. He was given six months pay to cancel his agreement and for this sum is working as our technical adviser at Home until next September when his agreement expires. It is not intended to renew Mr. Pooley's agreement, but it is our present intention to re-engage him when we are ready to erect the new plant at Hok Un.

Mr. Croucher: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded the adoption of the report and accounts, and there being no further questions, the resolution was put to the meeting and unanimously carried.

Other Business.

On the proposition of Mr. Bagram, seconded by Mr. Fernandez, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. Allen Cameron were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

On the proposition of Mr. Coulthart, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell, Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-elected as auditors, at a remuneration of \$750 each. This concluded the business of the meeting.

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YESTERDAY'S EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION ADOPTED.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the China Light and Power Company (1918), Ltd., held at the registered office of the Company, St. George's Building, yesterday afternoon, new regulations were approved as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof.

A further extraordinary general meeting, for the purpose of confirming the resolution passed yesterday, is to be held on Thursday, April 21st, at 11.30 a.m.

Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. A. H. Compton (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (solicitor), Mr. Noel Brags (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. M. Alves, Allan Keith, F. J. Tavares, Tse Tsan Tai, A. L. Shields, D. W. Munton and Capt. R. D. Thomas.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

Chairman's Speech.

The CHAIRMAN, addressing the meeting, said: As indicated in the notice which has just been read by the Company's Secretary, this meeting has been convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company.

With regard to the draft New Articles, I should explain that it has been decided to do away with a Consulting Committee and to constitute a Board of Directors in the place thereof. To effect this, it is necessary to alter the existing Articles to provide for the requisite power to do so and to make certain changes therein which are rendered necessary consequent upon the constitution of a Directorate. Your Consulting Committee consider that, as this alteration must be made for the reason already stated, a favourable opportunity presented itself of bringing the present Articles right up to date. Our Solicitors have therefore, in consultation with your General Managers, prepared new Articles for the Company, which are the approval of your Consulting Committee. If the new Articles are approved, they will be in line with the general and usual form of Articles now adopted by Companies in this Colony.

Prints of the existing Articles and of the draft new Articles have, as indicated in the notice convening this meeting, been open for inspection by shareholders at the Company's Registered Office, and there are also copies of both the existing and the draft new Articles on this table which, if any shareholder desires, he may inspect.

The suggested new Articles of Association are similar to the old this meeting also convenes a Second Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the Resolution which has just been passed as an Extraordinary Resolution, which Second Meeting will, as indicated in the notice, be held here on Thursday, the 21st April next, at 11.30 a.m., and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend same.

- The representative of Shewan, Tomes & Co. to be ex-officio Director and, subject to the approval of the Directors, Chairman of the Company (Article 82).
- The General Managers' remuneration is to be calculated on the balance at the credit of the Company's working account for each financial year before charging the account with any depreciation or General Managers' Commission, and does not include the provision of clerks or an office (for which a sum of \$5,000 per annum has been previously charged) (Article 84).
- The Consulting Committee cease to exist, and in place thereof a Board of Directors will be appointed (Articles 87 to 119).
- The remuneration of the Directors is to be \$10,000 per annum to be divided between them as the Directors shall determine (Article 92).
- Provision is made for the appointment, if required, of a Managing Director (Article 114).
- The powers of control heretofore exercised by the General Managers will devolve upon the Board of Directors (Articles 118 and 119).
- Documents requiring the Seal of the Company and Cheques shall be signed by two Directors and counter-signed by the General Managers or by some other persons appointed by the Directors (Article 120).
- Directors will annually write off depreciation from the assets of the Company (Article 123).
- Restriction is placed on the declaration of dividends (Article 127).
- Dividends unclaimed for more than five years may be forfeited to the Company (Article 137).
- Special Arbitration powers are given (Article 161).
- Indemnity to Directors, etc. (Articles 162 and 163).

I do not think there is anything further with which I need deal at this meeting, but if any shareholder would like to ask any question or seek any explanation, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer such questions and give such explanation to the best of my ability.

No questions are asked or explanation sought, I shall assume that you approve of the draft new Articles as presented, and will thereupon propose the Resolution regarding the same which is set out in the notice convening this meeting.

There were no questions. The CHAIRMAN: There being no questions or desire for explanation, I now beg to propose the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and, for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof.

Sir Ronald Ho Tung seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, that concludes the business for which this meeting was convened, and I thank you for your attendance. As you are aware, the notice convening this meeting also convenes a Second Extraordinary General Meeting for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at this meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the Resolution which has just been passed as an Extraordinary Resolution, which Second Meeting will, as indicated in the notice, be held here on Thursday, the 21st April next, at 11.30 a.m., and I shall be glad if you will kindly attend same.

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PACKING UP.

MISSIONARIES LEAVING CANTON.

ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING DENIED.

RED TYRANNY DIRECTED AGAINST CHINESE AND FOREIGNER ALIKE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Several American teachers attached to girls schools in Canton excited no little attention one evening last week, when orders were received from their Mission Boards at home to leave the city at once. They began packing as soon as the cable-gram was received. Of course, Canton is far from Nanking, but "folks at home" cannot tell the difference.

The next few weeks may see the exodus of many Missionaries from Canton and the vicinity. A number have already been advised to close their schools by April 1st, the last day for registering them under Kuomintang rule. There are still 157 foreign Missionaries and members of their families in Canton City. They include 87 Americans, 37 Britons, 27 French, and one Dane, one Swede, and one Portuguese, besides three Japanese Buddhists. Many of the Americans do not think it necessary to evacuate Canton for the time being.

The largest of the American educational enterprises, the Canton Christian College at Honglok, Canton, will be turned over to a Board of Chinese Trustees on August 1st next; but the retiring American Board of Trustees have made the mistake of withdrawing too late, and they are now facing a strike among the indoor workers as distinct from the teaching staff. The Canton Hospital and the John G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane, two leading American institutions in Canton for the past quarter of a century or more, had to suspend operations some time ago owing to labour tyranny; and only two more American schools remain—the True Light Schools and the Hackett Medical College for Women.

The closing of the schools in Canton by foreign Missionary Boards is regretted by many Chinese of the thinking class and the closing down must not be attributed entirely to "anti-foreign" feeling. As a matter of fact, more Chinese schools than foreign Missionary schools have been forced to close. The Canton Kuomintang Commissioner of Schools is suppressing 215 Confucian schools with the aid of the Police, and 6,000 pupils at least, will be affected.

Even with the existence of these Christian and Confucian schools, educational facilities in Canton were by no means adequate. From police statistics, 181,507 children are within school age, and it is doubtful whether, at the present time, 15 per cent. of them are being properly catered for.

To-day (March 31st) will be an "anti-Imperialist" day in Canton City, and demonstrations will be held as a protest against the bombardment of Nanking and the alleged "massacre" of villagers at Bias Bay. There are many Chinese who fully understand the motive behind these demonstrations but they can do little. Their day has not come. There is no doubt that there are some "Fascists" among the merchants, but their "Mussolini" has not yet stepped forth; and the "Reds" still hold sway. Merchants generally were in favour of demanding "the abolition of unequal treaties" and the return of foreign concessions" but they believe the object might be obtained

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CANTON'S BUDGET AND EDUCATION POLICY.

ELIMINATION OF ALL "OLD TYPE" SCHOOLS.

The 1927 Budget of the Canton Municipality provides \$2,000,000 for education, the record amount for Canton so far and representing about 20 per cent. of the total municipal receipts. The chief regret now felt by educationalists in the city is that the Kuomintang Administration of two or three years ago, when Mr. Sun Fo was the Mayor, sold all the public lands in order to help finance the Northern Expeditions. To-day the Municipality has no lands or buildings on which to build schools. The Municipality hopes to add 40 to 70 more classes to the present schools. The policy is to abolish all private primary schools which still teach "what Confucius says." By the gradual elimination of 200 such "old style" schools each year for the next few years, it is hoped that the whole educational system of Canton will be "modernized."

BIAS BAY INCIDENT.

MR. CHEN ORDERS INQUIRY.

Mr. Eugene Chen has directed the Magistrate of Waipang District to submit a full report to him of the recent British Expedition to Bias Bay.

REVOLUTIONARY HEROES.

CANTON, March 30th. Yesterday being the anniversary of the martyrdom of the seventy-two revolutionary heroes, Government officials, Kuomintang members, students, workers, peasants, merchants, cadets, soldiers, members of various organisations, men and women citizens attended the ceremony at the mausoleum erected on Sun Flower Mountain to pay a tribute of respect and gratitude to the memory of the seventy-two heroes, who lost their lives seventeen years ago in an attempt to throw down the imperial regime.

In spite of bad weather prevailing all the morning over 100,000 pilgrims marched to Sun Flower Mountain. The procession was orderly and police and military forces only watched the uninterrupted march of the pilgrims.

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by friendly negotiation without agitation or the support of mob rule. They realise very fully that in the present state of chaos the Chinese themselves are the heaviest losers.

The moderate Chinese do not admit there is any real "anti-foreignism" in China. They point out that the "Reds" have done to foreigners nothing which they have not done to their nationals. Two and a half years ago, the "Reds" surrounded the Western City of Canton and destroyed hundreds of buildings, simply because a section of the merchants would not submit to obnoxious and exorbitant taxation and showed signs of resistance. Labour tyranny encroaching upon foreign hospitals and schools and firms has brought about worse suffering among the Chinese than among foreigners.

As compared with the tens of foreign residents who have to evacuate "Red" territory to-day, hundreds of Chinese themselves have long been denied the benefit of their own homes and towns. The reaction they think will surely come.

The export of rice from Canton, permitted by the Kuomintang when the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen was in power as a war funding measure, will again be stopped probably on or soon after April 1st.

The latest war tax in Canton will be an import trade. The bill is now under consideration at the Kuomintang Ministry of Finance.

MORE MONEY WANTED.

TRANSPORT OF GOVERNMENT SERVANTS.

EXECUTION FEES.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee, which will be held after the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon, votes amounting to \$131,757 will be asked for. The sum of \$20,801 is required to supplement the estimates of 1926 and \$111,156 is needed to supplement the estimates for 1927.

In the 1926 supplementary accounts the cost of the transport of Government servants represents the chief item. The original estimate to cover passages to England was \$150,000. This was subsequently increased by \$46,000 making a total provision in 1926 of \$196,000. The fall in exchange towards the end of the year, however, considerably increased the expenditure and the sum provided was exceeded by \$15,458.

The \$111,156 required to supplement the 1927 estimates includes \$10,000 to provide water meters in Kowloon, \$30,000 for the new bridge at Tai Po, \$20,000 for clothing and accoutrements for the Police and \$29,350 as a contribution towards the cost of running three armed launches for anti-piracy work.

Tai Po Bridge.

For the bridge at Tai Po the preliminary prickings gave ground for the expectation that foundations could be obtained at a depth not greater than seven or eight feet and upon this basis was founded the decision in favour of a steel bridge.

A further examination demonstrated that foundations would have to be carried to a depth of 15 or 16 feet which would have brought the total cost of the steel bridge to about \$85,000. It is now proposed to construct a reinforced concrete bridge on long-pile piers the cost of which is not anticipated to exceed \$51,000.

Telegrams.

It was estimated that \$7,000 would cover the cost of telegrams in 1927. But \$3,688.97 had been expended up to the end of February and it is estimated now that a further sum of \$11,000 will be required for the year.

Executions.

The provision of \$200, was made in the 1927 estimates to cover executioner's fees. Now an additional \$500 is required. The number of executions so far this year has been exceptional. Four persons have already been executed and six are waiting execution.

STRUCK ON THE HEAD WITH A CHOPPER.

A GARAGE OWNER'S COMPLAINTS.

Prosecuting a fellow Chinese for assault a garage owner said that he felt a thud on the head and when he put his hand to the place he discovered blood and then he knew he had been struck with a chopper.

The trouble arose in a tea-house when one of complainant's employees made a request to him for money. He told the man that the money would be given in a few days. Another man interfered. Complainant told him to mind his own business. Words were exchanged and the man took hold of a chopper and struck defendant with it.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lind-sell) fined the defendant \$25 and advised him not to butt into affairs that did not concern him and told him that if he were again charged with a similar offence, he would go to gaol.

PUBLIC VACCINATION.

Public vaccination will be performed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade near the Peak Hotel entrance as below:—

Sunday, April 3rd, 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents are invited to send their Chinese servants, who wish to be vaccinated.

No fees are charged or may be accepted.

HONG KONG'S ENERGY AND RESOURCE.

ADMIRATION OF HOME GOVERNMENT.

MESSAGE TO DISTRICT WATCHMEN COMMITTEE.

On the instructions of the Secretary of State for the Colonies H.E. the Governor issued the following communication at a meeting of the District Watchmen Committee held at Government House on Tuesday morning:

"His Majesty's Government would be glad if you would convey to the District Watchmen Committee and to the whole community of Hong Kong their sincere sympathy in the great difficulties with which it is beset and their admiration for the energy and resource which have been displayed in facing these difficulties. His Majesty's Government have noted with the greatest satisfaction the loyalty of the whole community, and particularly of the Chinese, to the Hong Kong Government, and they feel confident that the fortitude and resolution shown in the trying circumstances of the past two years by all concerned are a guarantee that when normal conditions have been restored the Colony will continue to prosper in the future as in the past. You can of course assure the Committee and the Colony that His Majesty's Government will give the fullest protection to Hong Kong and its mainland territories during the civil war now unhappily raging in China and that they have no intention whatever of surrendering Hong Kong or of abandoning or diminishing in any way its rights of authority in any part of the adjacent mainland territories under British administration to the maintenance of which His Majesty's Government attach the highest importance."

QUARRY BAY CUP.

COMPETITION TO BE HELD BY VOLUNTEERS.

A competition for the Quarry Bay Cup is to be held at Volunteer Headquarters at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 30th, and details will be issued to competitors in due course.

Scottish Company Orders state that at least 75 per cent. of the effective strength of each platoon must attend.

The Cup, presented by Mr. G. M. Young, is held each year by the platoon gaining most points.

Holders: Season 1924-1925—No. 7 (City) Platoon; Season 1925-1926—No. 7 (City) Platoon.

1. Attendance—Every N. C. O. and man who attends a parade scores a point for his Platoon.

2. Attendance at Camp.—Points will count as in No. 1 except that an attendance for each day counts as 2 points and an absentee minus 1 point.

3. Squad Drill.—Ten minutes' drill under a N. C. O. (of the Platoon). At least 50 per cent. (with arms) of the active strength of the respective Platoons must take part.

4. Fire Control.—This will be carried out on the Miniature Range. One team from each Platoon of 4 men and a N. C. O.

5. Guard Mounting.—Platoons will parade in close column in Review order, under the Company Commander or such other officer that may be appointed by the Commandant. Medals to be worn 25 points to the Platoon having best average attendance on parade.

(a) General inspection of each Platoon will be made by neutral officers.

(b) Platoons will then march past in line from one end of the parade ground to the other. The salute will be taken at a saluting base halfway down the Parade Ground.

(c) Each Platoon will then furnish a Guard of 6 men, 1 Piper and 1 Drummer and 1 N. C. O. (to be drawn for order of mounting guard).

"H.M.S. PINAFORE."

Last night's dress rehearsal of "H.M.S. Pinafore" by the Philharmonic Society was more or less on the lines of a preliminary performance quite a number of people being present.

It is unfair to make any comment at this stage, except to say that a big advance is generally made upon a dress rehearsal when the first night comes along. The "Philharmonic" have undertaken a difficult task, especially in the absence of Mrs. Bowes Smith, and we wish them good luck and the well filled house their efforts deserve to-morrow (Friday) evening.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF ARMS.

"A DEMARCATION LINE."

YOUNG CHINESE REPORTER FINED.

When the well-dressed young Chinese who was arrested on the Western Praya by a Revenue searcher for having one revolver and seven rounds of ammunition in his possession, was brought before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, he stated that he was a correspondent to a Chinese newspaper in Siam and had been to Canton to keep in touch with the happenings there.

Defendant was represented by Mr. D. L. Strellett and the Director of Criminal Intelligence, Mr. T. H. King, prosecuted.

Outlining the case, Mr. King said that the defendant had arrived in Hong Kong on March 28th with his father. They had to stay a day or two in Hong Kong before continuing their journey to another port. The defendant on the day of his arrest was taking a walk with some friends along the Praya. They met a Revenue Officer, and defendant at once quickened his pace. He was searched and the contraband found on him. Mr. King said that he was not prepared to accept a plea of ignorance of the law of Hong Kong, as defendant's father had been in the Colony before and was quite cognizant of the law. He said that he had also made enquiries into defendant's antecedents and from the good accounts received, he would not ask for imprisonment, but for a substantial fine.

Strellett entered a plea of "guilty" and addressed his Worship in extenuation of the offence. The defendant was sent to Canton to act as correspondent to a Chinese paper in Siam. The pistol was not the property of the defendant, but belonged to a Chinese who was now at Canton. This man had left the pistol in defendant's care and had asked him to bring it back to Canton for him. Defendant promised to do so and he brought it with him in fulfilment of his promise. Defendant had tried to obtain a through passage to Canton but was not successful. He had therefore no option but to pass through the Colony.

Continuing, Mr. Strellett said that he agreed that the law of the Colony must be obeyed but he asked his Worship to draw, what he termed, a demarcation line between this case and those of persons who stayed in the Colony, and also between those arrested under suspicious circumstances and otherwise.

The Magistrate said that he was of the opinion that the defendant knew the law of Hong Kong, so that the question as to whether or not he was passing through did not affect the case. He would, therefore, impose a fine of \$500 and the pistol and ammunition would be confiscated.

RESUMED HEARING OF DISTILLERY CHARGE.

The hearing was resumed at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon of the case in which the T'ung Mei Yuen wine distillers, were charged with various distillery offences. The case opened on March 22nd, and was adjourned.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence, and Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, prosecuted.

The charges were that the defendant furnished incorrect returns that he failed to use labels in numerical order; and that he failed to keep daily books as required by the distillery regulations.

(Revenue Officer W. A. Grimmett, who was the only witness yesterday, was cross-examined for three hours. His evidence was of a purely technical nature.

His Worship decided to adjourn the case again until to-morrow.

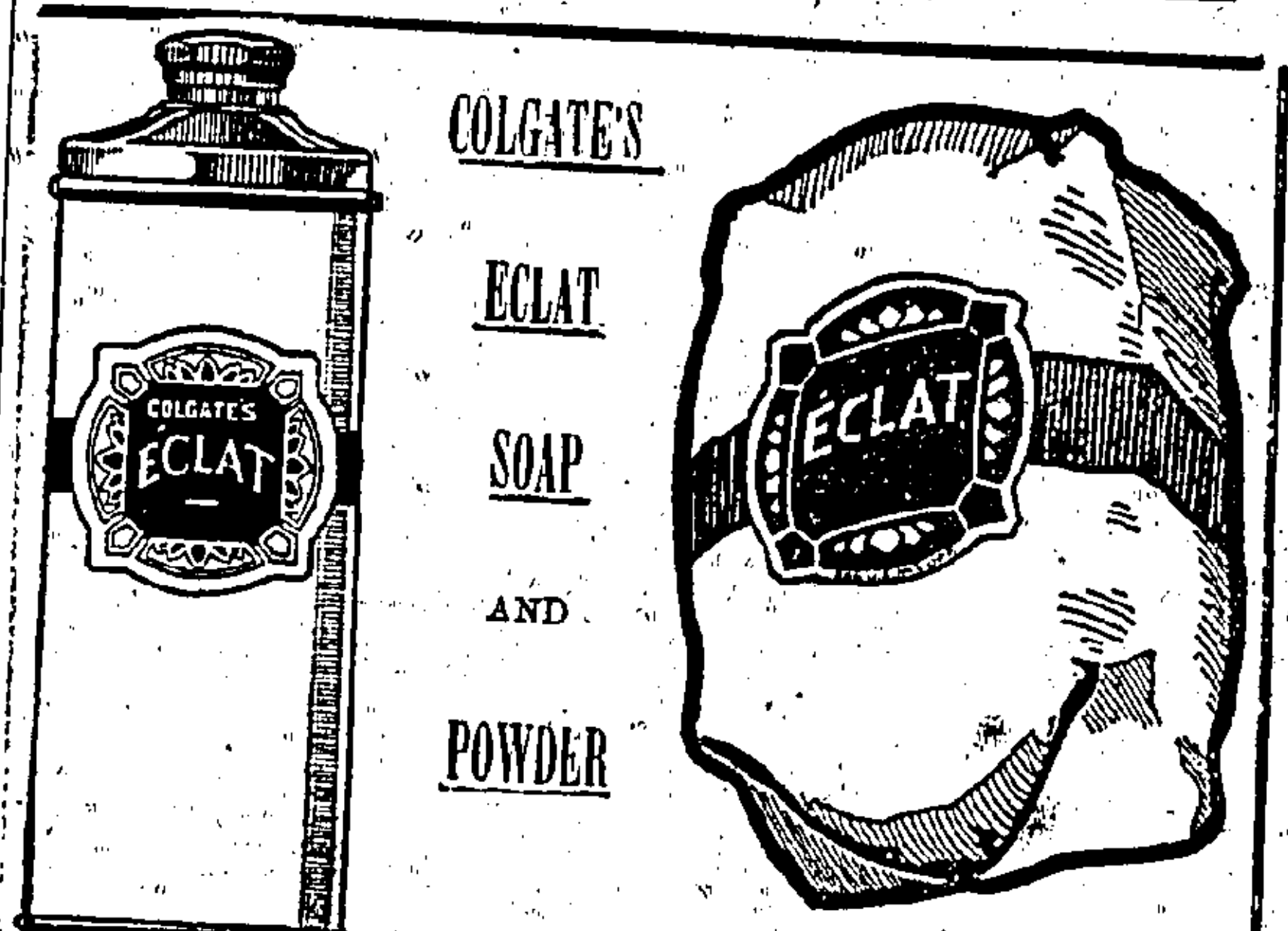
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, 31st MARCH, 1927, until FRIDAY, the 8th APRIL, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 30th March, 1927. [4750]

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of FRANCIS GLASS LATE of the Hong Kong Electric Co., LTD., Electrical Engineer, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of the provisions of section 88 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1867, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to Send in their Claims against the above Estate to the 20th day of APRIL, 1927.

All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby Required to Send their Claims to the Underigned on or before that date.

Dated this 30th day of March, 1927.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors for the Administrator, Prince's Building, Ice House Street, Hong Kong.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of SEMA BELULIOS, LATE of the KING EDWARD HOTEL, VICTORIA, in the Colony of Hong Kong, Widow, deceased.

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THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of Mr. JOHN ARNOLD from the Colony, Mr. GEORGE ARNOLD BILMANS will act as SECRETARY to the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, T. G. WEALE, Chairman.

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The Daily Press

HONG KONG, MARCH 31st, 1927.

TIME FOR A CHANGE IN

POLICY.

The time appears to be rapidly

approaching when the British

policy towards China will have to

be drastically changed. So far we

have steadily given way. We have

met the Chinese demands in a conciliatory

spirit, and in a broad-minded attempt to show our sympathy

with genuine nationalist aspirations we handed over the

British Concession at Hankow to

Nationalist Control. What is the

result? The banks are closed;

business is at a standstill and the

living conditions for foreigners

generally and for the British residents

in particular are becoming impossible.

Most of the Americans have gone and the remaining

members of the British community are

living on the water-front ready to

escape at a moment's notice. At the

other small ports on the Yangtze

the position is worse. There is no

object in mincing words. The

foreigners have been simply driven

out neck and crop and it is, of

course, certain that they cannot

have closed their businesses and

left their property and other possessions

at a moment's notice without very

serious financial loss.

Discussing the Hankow agreement

in the House of Commons a few

days ago Sir ARNOLD CHAMBERLAIN

said "We must be assured that conditions

were such that the Chinese authorities,

wherever they were,

could preserve order wherever their

authority extended, before we made

a further surrender of British

rights." That strikes us as being

something in the nature of a

platitude. We trusted Mr. EUGENE

CHEN at Hankow and acted in all

good faith that the Nationalist

Government could maintain control.

The cables now inform us that

Mr. EUGENE CHEN is powerless—

which means that even his nominal

authority is denied him for we never

at any time imagined that he was

anything more than the spokesman

of the Party—and that communism

is rampant. The conditions in the

British Concession have been outlined

above. The question, therefore, should

not be one of further surrendering

British rights but of considering whether

the rights already surrendered should

not be demanded back again. There is

no doubt we have been tricked and

fooled. Whatever vestige of a Nationalist

Government there is now in existence on

the Yangtze is a Government of extremists

whose last desire is to restore peace and

order. Whilst the British Government was

prepared to give up British rights in areas

controlled by a stable Government representing

the Chinese people it was certainly not prepared

to surrender them to a group of irresponsible

fanatics. We trust, therefore, that unless a

radical change is very quickly effected in the

present situation an announcement will be made

that the Hankow agreement "signed in good faith

on our part and signed, as we believed in good faith by Mr. EUGENE CHEN"—to quote Sir ARNOLD CHAMBERLAIN again—is regarded as having been broken. Already Chungking, Ichang and Changsha have been evacuated and it is time the process was stopped.

Judging from Mr. ROBERT GRIBBLE's review of the political situation, the suggested coalition of CHIANG KAI-SHEK and CHANG TAO-LIN, even if it is accomplished, will not effect much improvement.

In his opinion "China is headed for unseemable turmoil, ruin for her decent traders, bankruptcy for her best foreign friends, annihilation for the Red Russians, hydrophobia for the Soviet's chosen ones and thousands of little green mounds for the nondescript victims."

If that is the true reading of the case, it is about time we ceased talking of politics and placed the matter entirely in the hands of our own good Admirals and Generals.

Two Chinese cases of maul-pox and one Chinese case of enteric were notified yesterday.

COMMUNISM NOW IN FULL SWING AT HANKOW.

CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGNERS ARE DECLARED TO BE "IMPOSSIBLE."

THE FEW BRITISH AND AMERICANS LEFT LIVING ON THE WATERFRONT.

READY TO BE EVACUATED.

SUPPRESSION OF LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.

ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE THREATENED IN SHANGHAI.

RICKSHA COOLIES ENROLLED AS MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR UNION.

HANKOW'S COMMUNISM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. A telegram from Hankow, dated March 28th, states that with Communism now in full power in Hankow the conditions for foreigners, especially the British, have become impossible. A few of the latter, all men, are still remaining, but must live on the waterfront, from where they can quickly be evacuated in case of personal danger. Even the American Consul is forced to live on the waterfront and has advised all Americans to do similarly.

The Kuomintang Moderates have been utterly "downed" and even Mr. Chen is now powerless, although probably he will continue to be used for his success in dealing with the representatives of foreign powers.

The foreign banks have all closed owing to the impossible demands of the employees and the general difficulties put in the way of doing business.

The two newspapers, respectively British and American owned are still closed down, the Political Bureau having managed this by the simple process of securing the withdrawal of the labour necessary for their production. The editors complained to Mr. Chen, who was able to do nothing. The newspapers then published a mimeographed news sheet, which was obtainable by calling at the offices, but the pickets arrested the messengers who were sent for the sheet, the issue whereof has consequently been suspended. Thus the Political Bureau has succeeded in suppressing all printed news and opinions except those that are "Red."

THE KUOMINTANG POLITICAL COMMISSION.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. The Kuomintang Political Commission at Hankow, which was formerly subordinate to the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief of the Kuomintang Army, the supreme power of which is vested in General Chiang Kai Shek, has been reorganised by the Central Executive Committee at Hankow, putting it directly under the latter's control.

A branch of this Commission will be established at Sian, the capital of Shensi, with General Feng Yu Hsiang in control.

WHAMPOA CADETS.

70 LOYAL TO GEN. CHIANG IN PRISON AT HANKOW.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. The Communists at Hankow have ordered the arrest of 70 Whampoa cadets, who are loyal to General Chiang Kai Shek. They are in prison at Hankow.

AMERICANS AT HANKOW. ASK MORE PROTECTION FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT.

MAY BE EVACUATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. The Hankow American Chamber of Commerce has asked the American Government for more protection. It is understood now that they have been officially notified that their businesses should be evacuated instead.

JAPANESE JOURNALISTS ON CHINA.

REQUEST TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. The Japanese Journalists' Association at Shanghai is reported to have wired to the Japanese Government to the effect that taking the Nanking affair as a precedent the Japanese Government should, without delay, adopt more drastic measures to deal with the critical conditions now prevailing in China, and which most likely will threaten Japanese property and life to no small extent. They condemn Mr. Sabouri's report on China's condition. The telegram concludes with an urgent request to the Japanese Government to reinforce the Japanese forces now in China.

HANKOW'S DEPLORABLE CONDITION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. A telegram from a Japanese source in Hankow, dated the 29th instant, says that soldiers in mufti, pickets and ruffians are over-running the city, and that Japanese women and children are evacuating the place by the first available steamer.

BRITISH AND AMERICANS AT AMOY.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 29th. It is reported that a British and an American warship have sailed for Amoy to evacuate their respective nationals.

GENERAL CHIANG'S VIEWS.

INTERVIEWED IN SHANGHAI.

WHY THE LABOUR UNION IS ARMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. In the course of an interview, General Chiang Kai Shek, asked what he was going to do relative to the Nanking affair, said he was now investigating it. After declaring that he "completely recognised" the Central Executive Committee at Hankow, he was asked if he approved of the Shanghai Labour Union carrying arms. He said "Yes, they have a right to arm for self-protection."

20,000 STILL ON STRIKE IN SHANGHAI.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. Intense activity is still being displayed at Shanghai by the General Labour Union, which yesterday decided to organise another general strike, the date to be fixed later, for the purpose of furthering the anti-British movement. The ricksha coolies, who number many thousands in Shanghai, are being forcibly enrolled, as union members. 20,000 miscellaneous workers remain on strike.

"A STERN AND PRACTICAL LESSON."

WHAT THE CANTONESE MAY YET LEARN.

CAN THEY DO WITHOUT THE FOREIGNER?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 30th. The *Daily News*, in a leader referring to the general evacuation of the British from the principal towns on the Yangtze, says that the closing of the banks and the paralysis of trade will grievously injure British and other foreign interests but, if prolonged for any length of time, the stagnation will be disastrous to the Cantonese and the economic life of the Chinese nation. "It may not be at all a bad thing to teach them a stern and practical lesson as to their inability to do without the foreigner at all."

THE UP-RIVER SITUATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. The seriousness with which the authorities view the up-river situation is indicated by the receipt of official messages stating that the Anglo-American communities, Consuls, and gunboats are withdrawing entirely from Chungking, Ichang and Changsha owing to trade being at a standstill and "because recent events have shown that the situation may at any moment get out of control, endangering the lives of foreigners."

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

General Chiang's Visit to U.S. Admiral Postponed.

SHANGHAI, March 30th. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek has sent a message to Admiral Williams, the American naval Commander-in-Chief, postponing his visit, arranged for yesterday morning, until some future date.

Ships Barred During Dark at Woosung.

SHANGHAI, March 30th. Admiral Yang has issued notices requesting that no sea-going vessels are to enter the entrance to Woosung from sunset to sunrise.

The foreign Senior Naval Officers are meeting to-day (Wednesday) to discuss what action shall be taken regarding this matter.

The Yangtze Ports Involved.

CHUNGKING, March 29th. Owing to trade being at a complete standstill during the progress of the Revolution and Civil War, the British and American communities, Consuls, and gunboats are being withdrawn.

Recent events have shown that the situation may at any time get out of hand and endanger the lives of foreigners in the zone of hostilities.

As at Chungking, and for the same reasons, the British and American communities, Consuls and gunboats have been withdrawn.

CHANGSHA, March 29th. The example of Chungking and Ichang has been followed.

Americans at Hankow.

Hankow, March 29th. Considerable troop movement has been taking place.

The American community has been reduced to a minimum.

Wuhu Quieter.

Wuhu, March 29th. The situation has quietened during the last twenty-four hours and things are more normal.

The *Kaito* negotiations are still in progress, but it is hoped that the incident will be transferred to Hankow for settlement.

The Firing on Steamers.

CHINKIANG, March 29th. The firing on passing steamers and warships in this region had become so acute that foreign Senior Naval Officers decided to take retaliatory measures.

Their action has been approved.

SHANGHAI QUIET BUT AGITATORS ACTIVE.

FRENCH AND AMERICAN REINFORCEMENTS.

THE YANGTZE TREATY PORTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUSSY, March 29th. The situation in Shanghai is reported to be quiet at present, although the agitators show considerable activity. It is understood that French and American reinforcements are being sent. It is stated that General Chiang Kai Shek visited the United States cruiser *Pittsburg* to-day to discuss with Admiral Williams arrangements for preserving order in the district. The Southern Chinese Admiral Lo visited Admiral Williams yesterday.

The situation up the Yangtze is uncertain and menacing. The British authorities have decided to evacuate all the British at Ichang on the Yangtze River, 165 miles west of Hankow; at Changsha 100 miles south-east of Ichang and at Chungking on the Yangtze River 830 miles above Hankow. The women and children have already been taken away from those towns and for the past few days men have been collected in buildings on the river front. The present decision is not due to any definite new threat. Local Chinese authorities are being informed and advised that they will be held responsible for the safety of British property.

The British naval forces at these ports are the gunboats *Mantis*, *Wilgeon* and *Teal* at Chungking; the *Woodcock* at Changsha and the *Gnat* at Ichang.

Increasing Extremist Activity At Chungking.

Other information from the Yangtze is that, at Chungking, there is increasing extremist activity, despite official Chinese directions to suppress it.

At Shasi the gunboat *Cockchafer* ordered the Cantonese soldiers to disembark from a British steamer which they had boarded. When the gunboat arrived the soldiers declared that they were "only visitors."

At Hankow, where the river is rising, the strike is still unsettled and the foreign banks are closed. At Wuhu the women and children have been evacuated and men concentrated in hulks in the stream. A boycott is threatened and the situation is uncertain.

At Kiukiang, as compensation is being paid for the commandeering of the British steamer *Kiangwo*, arms and ammunition left on board have been returned to the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs.

At Nanking, firing occasionally takes place in Hsaiwan, but ships have not been under rifle fire and the situation is improving.

The Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, who has been appointed, expressed a desire to call on the cruiser *Emerald*, where the wounded British Consul-General and certain members of the Chinese Customs and British firms are living.

Rifle firing at foreign ships below Nanking is increasing, especially at Kiangyin, Tungchow and Vine Point.

FRANCE STILL NEUTRAL.

M. BRIAND'S STATEMENT.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 30th. According to *Le Matin*, M. Briand described to the Council of Ministers yesterday the actual situation in the French Settlement of Shanghai. He denied the alarmist rumours and stressed that no event had yet happened which might induce France to give up her neutral policy.

FRENCH TROOPS.

THE REINFORCEMENTS FOR CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 29th. The Government has decided to send reinforcements to the troops in China. 1,200 Annamite troops will be despatched from Annam to China as soon as possible.

AMERICAN TROOPS.

TO ACT INDEPENDENTLY IF POSSIBLE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 29th. It is stated at the White House that the American forces in China will not be merged with those of other Powers.

President Coolidge is of opinion that the American military officials can maintain their independence. He also feels, however, that Americans will co-operate with others. "It was left to the discretion of the American commander, as regards the French Concession."

FENGTIENESSE SUCCESSES IN HONAN.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 30th. According to the Eastern News Agency, the Fengtienese in Honan, since defeating the Honanese at many important cities south of the Yellow River, are advancing to Sunyuen in Southern Honan.

AFTER CHAPEL.

CHINESE BURYING THEIR DEAD.

PART OF DISTRICT IN RUINS.

SHANGHAI, March 29th. The Chinese city is burying its dead, says a *United Press* message to the *Manila Times*. Chapei district, where most of the carnage took place, presents a grim spectacle as charred and mutilated bodies of northern soldiers who failed to leave the city are hoisted on carts and taken to the public burying ground.

Large sections of the district are blackened ruins. A heavy down-pour of rain has quenched the flames and spread a mantle of gloom over the whole city. The hospitals are full of wounded and the whole aftermath of these last hectic days is depressing.

The International Settlement is quiet and there is a tendency to resume normal day and night life. The general strike has been called off and the heavy, unceasing rain has dulled the enthusiasm of celebrators and rioters. A few isolated incidents have occurred to cause apprehension. A mob of northern soldiers attempted to force their way once more into the settlement but were repulsed by British and Americans without firing a shot. One American was wounded to-day by a stray bullet.

The Red Cross is caring for at least 200 wounded Chinese within the Settlement. It is estimated that between 250 and 300 Chinese were killed in the street fighting of the last two days. An additional hundred have been killed in Pootung, across the river from Shanghai.

The river steamer *Poyang* arrived to-day from Nanking with 175 foreign refugees. They state that only 25 foreigners remain in Nanking where the situation appeared threatening.

A message from Wuhu says that all foreigners have been moved out of this area and are being brought to the Shanghai settlement.

ROWDY SINGAPORE CHINESE.

STILL CREATING TROUBLE.

SALUTARY SENTENCES.

SINGAPORE, March 29th. The authorities view seriously the disturbances that have been going on since the late Sen celebration.

Public vehicles and police have been frequently attacked, while another violent clash took place to-night, with the police baton-charging.

There have been many arrests of Chinese and the magistrates are imposing salutary sentences. Armies of troops are standing by at the police stations.

TRAGIC FATE OF AN EXPEDITION.

SEVERAL KILLED AND WOUNDED.

AN ATTEMPT TO LIBERATE SLAVES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, March 30th. Captain West and two Indians have been killed and three wounded, while a civil interpreter is missing, as the result of an attack on the expedition which set out early in January for the Naga Hills, in the Kachin Country, in connection with the liberation of slaves. The affair occurred in the district where slavery still exists.

INDIA'S TEXTILE TARIFF.

STATEMENT BY PIECEGOODS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, March 30th. Presiding at the Delhi Piecegoods' Association, the Chairman, Mr. Sheriff alluded to rumours that the Textile Tariff Commission, whose report is not yet published, has recommended an increase in the import duty of 4 per cent. The Chairman said the Association was confidently able to face a small thing like that, for the future prospect was brighter than for years.

REVISED PRAYER BOOK.

TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 30th. The bishops, in Convocation, adopted a resolution to forward the Revised Prayer Book to the National Assembly for final approval. The voting in the Canterbury province showed 21 to 4 in favour of the resolution. York province gave a unanimous affirmation and the Lower House of Convocation concurred by overwhelming majorities.

SEGRAVE'S WONDERFUL MOTOR FEAT.

TRAVELS AT OVER 200 MILES AN HOUR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUDEY, March 29th. Major Segrave, the British motorist, in a specially built "Sunbeam" car, of 1,000 horse power, accomplished a world's record with a speed of 203.84 miles an hour on Daytona Beach, Florida, over a distance of one mile each way.

Specially Constructed Car.

At Daytona Beach, Florida, the British racing motorist, Major Segrave, who, with a specially constructed 1,000 horse-power "Sunbeam" car, went to Florida for the purpose of attempting a speed of 200 miles an hour, to-day attained 207 miles per hour, which is a world's record.

The Official Figures.

The official figures are 203.841.

ENGLAND'S MOTOR CAR INDUSTRY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUDEY, March 29th. The President of the Board of Trade, stated, in the House of Commons, that £9,120,000 worth of motor cars and parts were exported from England last year, while the value of imports was £5,316,000.

NICARAGUA'S WARFARE.

U.S. SEAPLANE "HIT A DOZEN TIMES."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 30th. A United States' naval seaplane has been hit a dozen times by rifle fire by the 200 Liberalist Nicaraguans. The seaplane returned the fire.

MACHINE DAMAGED: AVIATORS UNHURT.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 30th. The machine was damaged by the fire of the Liberalist Nicaraguans. The aviators were unhurt.

TRAMP ATTACKS NURSE.

SILENT NIGHT STRUGGLE IN A SANATORIUM.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

A young nurse, Miss Mildred Mercer, had a terrifying experience while on night duty about 4.15 a.m. in a ward of the Canterbury Sanatorium, which is in a lonely spot about two miles from the city. A tramp broke into the ward and savagely attacked her, striking her repeatedly with a billiard cue. The nurse, fearful of what might happen to her and her child patients, who were seriously ill, if they were aroused, struggled desperately in silence for more than fifteen minutes, the man attempting to strangle her and bring her thumb. Eventually she became exhausted that she screamed, and the truder, who had been in the kitchen, came to her aid.

THE SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC REACHED.

A LONG WAY BELOW AVERAGE.

According to Dr. Pope the Medical Officer of Health, the number of small-pox cases so far reported this year is higher than last year, but the situation was not so bad as it looked.

Dr. Pope is of the opinion that the worst of the epidemic had been reached. As soon as the warm weather arrived, small-pox would gradually disappear. Imported cases, it was pointed out, figured largely in the notifications and in this connection, the M.O.H. referred to the numbers of Chinese entering into the Colony during the last few months or so.

FULL TALE OF BRITISH RAILWAY LOSSES.

WORST YEAR IN HISTORY.

£17,000,000 TAKEN FROM RESERVES.

No more striking illustration can be found of last year's great industrial upheaval than that furnished by the working results of our big British railways.

The last of the dividend amounts is now published, and the experience of the companies as a whole is unparalleled in the transport industry of the country. Its effect is widespread and touches the pockets of tens of thousands of investors, both large and small.

It is true that in all cases some dividend has been paid to ordinary shareholders, but the amount distributed by the "big four" groups for the past year amounts to under £8,000,000, against over £13,000,000 for 1925, and the actual return on the capital involved is only 2.1 per cent.

Even this meagre return would not have been possible but for the big draft on reserves. The actual profits earned in excess of fixed charges—that is, debenture and rent charge stocks—amounted to about £9,100,000, against £27,500,000 for 1925.

As dividends on guaranteed and preference stocks ranking ahead of the ordinary capital call in all for £21,000,000, only 45 per cent. of the amount required for these dividends has been provided out of profits and 55 per cent. of reserves.

Unearned Dividends.

In order to pay the preference and ordinary dividends and so to retain the status of the debenture and preference stocks as trustee investments, over £17,000,000 has been taken from reserves and contingency funds. For 1925 the amount taken was under £7,000,000.

The only bright spot in the accounts so far presented is the reduction in working expenses, which amounted to about £12,500,000, thus offsetting to some extent the big decrease of over £29,000,000 on gross traffic receipts.

Savings in wages and in the outlays on railway material of various kinds is a noteworthy feature, but against this has to be set an increase in the cost of coal—the L.M.S. alone spent £3,700,000 more on coal—which had to be wholly purchased abroad during the period of Government control.

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LAWN TENNIS STOPPED BY RAIN.

The weather did not clear up yesterday and there was no play in the Hong Kong Cricket Club Tournament.

The following ties have been arranged for to-day:—

Open Singles.

S. A. Ramjahn v. R. M. Henderson (3rd round).

Club Singles.

S. E. Green v. H. Owen Hughes; T. D. E. Pendered v. E. H. Jacobson.

Handicap Singles "A." Major Edwards (rec. 1/8) v. G. W. Sewell (owe 4/8).

Handicap Singles "B." J. R. Collis (rec. 5/8) v. T. J. Price (owe 2/8).

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS v. C.S.C.C.

This game will be played on the Civil Service C.C. ground on Saturday at 2 p.m. sharp.

Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. Owen Hughes, A. W. Hayward, J. C. Lyle, A. W. L. Ramsay, S. Jex, F. T. Orr, G. P. Lammert, S. J. Jordain, R. F. Strange, and F. B. Jones.

C.S.C.C.:—B. D. Evans (capt.), G. B. Sayer, E. W. Hamilton, E. C. Fincher, F. E. Lawrence, F. J. Ling, A. E. Wood, F. J. de Rome, E. Baker, A. W. Grimmett, and F. H. Holdman. Reserve: R. S. W. Paterson.

Volunteers v. Mr. A. A. Ramjahn's XI.

This game will be played at the University on Sunday, at 11 a.m. sharp.

Volunteers:—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), J. R. Hinton, H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyle, A. W. L. Ramsay, E. C. Fincher, S. Jex, F. E. Lawrence, R. W. Lee, H. C. Burgess, and J. A. Summers.

HOCKEY.

The hockey match arranged to be played between the Hong Kong Hockey Club and the King's Own Scottish Borderers yesterday evening on the United Services Recreation ground was postponed owing to the weather.

BASEBALL.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Baseball Association will be held at the American Consulate-General at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday next.

All members of the Association and clubs interested are requested to attend.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE SPORTS.

In view of the wet weather yesterday, St. Stephen's College Sports, which were to have been held on the University ground at Pokfulam, were postponed. No date has yet been fixed for the event.

HOME FOOTBALL.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 29th.

The following football matches were played to-day:—

DIVISION I.

Burnley, 2; Sheffield Un., 5.

DIVISION II.

Grimby, 2; Darlington, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Rangers, 2; Hibernians, 2.

ARREST SPOILS A KISS.

ESCAPED MAN'S RECAPTURE.

After ten days' liberty, Patrick Berdiale, who made a dramatic escape from a train while under police escort between Bishop's Cleeve, Hertfordshire, and Audley, was recaptured at the station.

He was recaptured at the station after he had been taken to St. Paul's.

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PENAL SERVITUDE FOR LIFE.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A CONSTABLE.

JUDGE COMMENDS A BRAVE ACT.

At Nottingham Assizes before Mr. Justice Branson, Edgar William Smith, aged 20, a seed-merchant's traveller, of North Hykeham, near Lincoln, charged with the attempted murder, by shooting, of Police-Constable Dainty near Newark on the night of January 7th. Smith pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., prosecuting, recounted how Police-Constable Dainty, when off duty and in plain clothes, received a complaint that a girl had been assaulted on the road by a motorist. The policeman found Smith in his car which had stopped at the roadside. He told him he was a police officer and began to search the car.

Smith suddenly set the car into motion and Police Constable Dainty seized the steering-wheel and was shot by Smith. The policeman then shot the car into a wall. There was a struggle and the officer received two more bullet wounds. Smith escaped and was later arrested in London.

Fresh Evidence.

Mr. Birkett announced that additional evidence would be called. He said that on February 6th a boy, Harold Broadberry, was playing in a June little distance beyond the scene of the struggle and on the Lincoln side of Newark. He found at the bottom of the dyke in about three inches of water a brown attaché case and two cloth caps.

Inside the case were two motor number plates, two Indian clubs, a brown false moustache, a black velvet domino mask, a bottle of spirit for fixing the moustache, and a cigarette case containing two each of the following letters in zinc: "E," "W," and "S." These were Smith's initials. There was also a series of numbers in the same metal ranging from 1 to 8.

Mr. Birkett said he would call a woman, who would recognise the bag, having seen it at the back of Smith's car and having heard Smith once explain, "I carry my Indian clubs in it."

Police-Constable Dainty, who has made a good recovery from the effects of his wounds since the time when, from a stretcher, he identified Smith, gave evidence.

In reply to Mr. A. M. Lyons (defending), he said he did not show Smith his warrant because he did not ask to see it.

Mrs. Ruth Maughan, of Lincoln, said she had seen the attaché case in Smith's car. Once, in an hotel, Smith took one of the Indian clubs from the case. She denied, in cross-examination, that she had quarrelled with the Smiths. She could not remember when Smith exhibited the club.

When Mrs. Maughan had concluded her evidence, Smith jumped up and shouted excitedly: "It is all a pack of lies! It is insufferable!"

Smith, giving evidence, said that when Police-Constable Dainty stopped him in the car he said "Is yours the car that has been in the dyke?" He answered, "Yes," and then in a further reply to the constable he said he was going to Lincoln.

Smith continued: "The man was gruff and peremptory. I did not like him and did not know him, so I slipped in the clutch. As soon as he got in the car the man seized my throat."

I tried to send off this intruder with my left hand. I lost control of the steering and the car went into a wall. The man pressed me down. My right hand was free and I put it into my pocket, gripped the pistol, and fired three shots to frighten the man.

We struggled for possession of the pistol. During the struggle two more shots went off accidentally. I was pinned down. My one idea was to get this fellow off my throat. Afterwards I got out and went to the front of my car. The man kicked me in the stomach. I warned him if he came again I would shoot. He came and I shot, aiming towards his legs. He staggered and went down the road and I got into the car and drove off.

At St. Paul's, a struggle took place between Smith and the police. He was brought back to the station after he had been taken to St. Paul's.

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THE SENTIMENTAL ENGLISHMAN.

THE PREMIER ON A QUALITY ONLY KILLED BY OVER-CULTURE.

OUR U.S. COUSINS.

"The Englishman, contrary to popular belief, is the most incurably sentimental animal in the world, and his sentiment is only destroyed by over-education and cultivation of the intellect," said the Premier in opening Dartmouth House, Charles-street, W., the new headquarters of the English-Speaking Union.

"With over-education," the Premier continued, "you are apt to get a crystalline hardness of the soul from which most of us can be saved by cultivating what we find here."

The Premier referred to the removal of problems which might cause friction between the two peoples such as the Irish question.

The Lighter Ties.

"There is the great bond of common service in the war, and there are lighter ties," continued Mr. Baldwin. "We borrow from each other. I believe you (American) have recently borrowed Association football from us. I do not know how it will spread, but we have borrowed from you a dance with a strange and racy name which I cannot call on myself to pronounce. We have a common literature, sometimes very common, on both sides."

"It must be difficult for Americans to realise the problems of Europe. So vast a proportion of their population when it goes from Europe goes with a desire to forget what is behind them in a country which lives in absolute security. It is almost impossible to realise the difficulties of a continent like Europe which has been crowded with humanity for thousands of years, which has been torn to pieces with intestinal troubles, and where the fight for existence has been hard."

Very often when these people criticised us it is apt to hurt those who, in a different world and sometimes wandering in a powder magazine, are doing all they can to steer broken nations through a period of unprecedented difficulties.

"If the result of this beautiful clubhouse should be to bring together English-speaking people from all over the world, and quicken in any way their sense of great responsibility, this clubhouse may be a great blessing."

Cross-examining, Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., asked Smith why after being attacked by a civilian he believed to be a ruffian he did not report the matter to any police station.

Did it ever occur to you that out of humanity for the man, who might have been mortally wounded, you might have reported the matter to the police? Did you leave him on the road to die?—I thought he was uninjured.

"This Ruffian."

Mr. Justice Branson: This ruffian—as you say—was at large, and might have attacked someone else who did not have a pistol.

Smith: That did not enter my mind.

Mr. Justice Branson, listening to Smith's voluble and rapid replies, remarked: "Why not tell the truth?" Smith said that what he had said had been distorted.

Mr. Birkett: You say that Dainty never mentioned to you that he was making inquiries about a girl who was assaulted?—Never.

"A Terrible Sentence."

The final scene was dramatic. After Smith had been pronounced guilty and until sentence was passed he preserved his quiet composure. But when Mr. Justice Branson, with this calm gravity, said: "You shoot this unfortunate man, who was attempting to do his duty."

There is only one penalty I can inflict, and that is penal servitude for life." Smith recoiled as if struck. With ashen face he pleaded: "Can you have mercy and reduce it, if not for myself, for the sake of my wife? It is a terrible sentence."

Mr. Justice Branson: It is a terrible sentence, but you have done a terrible thing, and it is only by the mercy of God that you are not charged with murder. Smith, Mr. Justice Branson said he wanted to see P.C. Dainty. The constable was still wearing his medal ribbons and standing stiffly to attention at the baristers' table. Mr. Justice Branson said: "I wish to express publicly to you the gratification which I have felt in listening to the details of your courage. No one could be blamed for it, seeing that he was armed and having got one bullet wound through your body, you had ceased to continue to try and arrest him; but notwithstanding that it took two more shots put into your body before you ceased your efforts to do your duty."

It is a record of which any man should be proud, and I hope your future in the police force will reflect the glory of the beginning.

BLACKMAILING A COUNTRY VICAR.

PRISONER WHO FOUND IT "SO EASY."

"YOU HAVE RUINED ME."

An English country vicar's poignant letter to a man who was alleged to have blackmailed him for about three years and obtained £1,360 from him was read at Marylebone, when William Ernest Piggis, aged 24, a chauffeur, of Praed Street, Paddington, who was arrested at Norwich, was charged on remand with blackmail.

Mr. C. Wallace, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said it would be undesirable, unnecessary, and extremely cruel to publish the name of the prosecutor, who was the vicar of a country parish from 1908 to 1925. On May 3rd, 1923, Mr. X, the vicar, met Piggis in a public park of a neighbouring town. Piggis said he was in the theatrical profession and they spent some time together.

Two days later Piggis called at the vicarage and, pretending that the police were aware of what had happened and were after him, obtained £50 from the vicar. He frequently called at the house after that until March, 1924, when he had received altogether £353. Mr. X then consulted a solicitor and Piggis promised to leave Mr. X alone. The vicar moved to another part of the country, but Piggis found him and continued to extort money from him.

The Vicar's Letter.

A letter from Mr. X found at Piggis's address in Paddington contained the following passages:

You promised me faithfully that you had turned over a new leaf and that you would, if I helped you for the last time, go out to New Zealand and stay there and try to refund me some at least of my money.

But you have ruined me. You drove me from my living. I got into debt and had to sell up my home and leave my parish I dearly loved.

Suicide Hint.

I calculated the other day you have about £1,400 from me and have swallowed up all my poor mother's savings for me, have broken up my home, and landed me in debt. I have always a dread of you asking for more help, which racks my nerves. I feel I cannot stand it much longer.

I must do something. I have now at home a very simple little contrivance which, without pain or trouble, would settle matters. You could only be able to guess if you read it in the paper what had happened and then it would look like an accident.

Now please leave me alone. Be content that you have broken my home, brought me almost to ruin and ruined my heart and nerves and embittered my whole life.

If I have to take the steps I speak of it may look like an accident, but I shall leave in my drawer a statement of what I have had to go through, and let my friends take the matter up if they choose. I shall be past knowing anything about it."

Mr. Wallace said that after arrest Piggis said: "I never intended getting a lot of money out of the Rev., but after getting the first lot it seemed so easy that I was tempted and was fond of high life."

Mr. X Called.

The Rev. Mr. X, an elderly man, entered the box and handed in his name and address on a piece of paper. He produced a slip of paper which, he said, was signed by Piggis and in which he promised on his solemn oath never to ask for more money "as it was a made-up game."

A Remand was ordered.

ENGLAND'S HIGH-SPEED DIVORCE.

400 CASES IN SIX WEEKS.

EFFECTS OF SECRECY.

In the opinion of well-informed legal circles, the Judicial Proceedings (Regulations of Reports) Act, 1925, which allows only the publication of very meagre particulars of the charges in divorce cases, is likely to lead to a considerable increase in such cases in the very near future.

The secrecy which now surrounds the trial of divorce petitions is believed to have not an inconsiderable effect upon the fact that some 300 new undefended cases appeared in a supplemental list which was published last month.

These cases were to be tried during the present term as soon as the present lists have been cleared.

During the six weeks of the Hilary Sittings, which end on March 31st, substantial progress has been made with the undefended and defended cases taken by the judges without juries. Of the 493 undefended suits entered at the beginning of the term 300 have been heard and of the 196 defended cases nearly 100 have been disposed of.

£13,000 TO A WOMAN.

LABOUR OFFICIAL'S ALLEGED INTRIGUE.

STORY OF £21,000 SHORTAGE.

"The amount involved is believed to be about £21,000," said Mr. C. H. Hornby, who appeared at Thames Police Court to prosecute George William Harrison, secretary and treasurer of the National Association of Coopers, of Great Prescott-street, Whitechapel, E.

Harrison, whose address was given as Sherwood-road, Croydon, was charged with fraudulently converting to his own use money belonging to the members and forging receipts for £150 and £160 which should have been sent to the Miners' Federation.

Mr. Hornby said that Harrison had held his position since 1913. He was paid £7 a week and expenses and had full control and custody of the money. There were two banking accounts, one of which Harrison kept himself, but there was a rule of the association that that account was not to exceed £50. The bank did not know of that rule and it was by paying money into that account instead of the association's account that Harrison was able to appropriate the money.

Receipts Altered.

During the coal stoppage the association collected £860 for the Miners' Relief Fund, but he sent only £150 to the miners and £250 to the Trades Union Council. Of the remaining £860, which he should have sent, he sent only two sums in cash of £20 and £50 and when the receipts came back he put a one in front of each of the amounts thus defrauding the fund of £200.

When spoken to he at first said that everything was in order, but afterwards said: "I have been a vagabond and manipulated and faked everything." Inquiries had revealed that though there should have been £20,362 standing to the credit of the association in the two banking accounts, there was only £22.

A Woman.

"The explanation," said Mr. Hornby, "is that there is a woman in the case. Harrison is a married man, but for 12 years he has carried on an intrigue with a woman at Swansea named Mme. —"

Harrison: I hope she has been seen. She lives at Mumbles, near Swansea.

Mr. Hornby replied that the woman had been seen, and although she did not admit she knew where the money came from she said that she had received about £13,000 altogether. Whether anything is left out of the wreck it is difficult to say.

A detective-sergeant said that when arrested Harrison said: "I admit it all. I am sorry to say I have stolen several thousands of their money. A woman had the most of it."

A remand was ordered.

SUZANNE DOESN'T LIKE WOMAN.

"THEY ARE INFERIOR AND SHOULD STAY IN THEIR PLACES."

Suzanne Lenglen, having become the premier professional tennis player of the world, has now turned philosophical.

"Women are inferior to men, and should stay in their place," said Suzanne, in an interview at New York. "I don't like women."

"The level of intelligence in America is much higher than Americans think. Americans are less demonstrative and talk less about what they know than do the Frenchmen. But the knowledge is there."

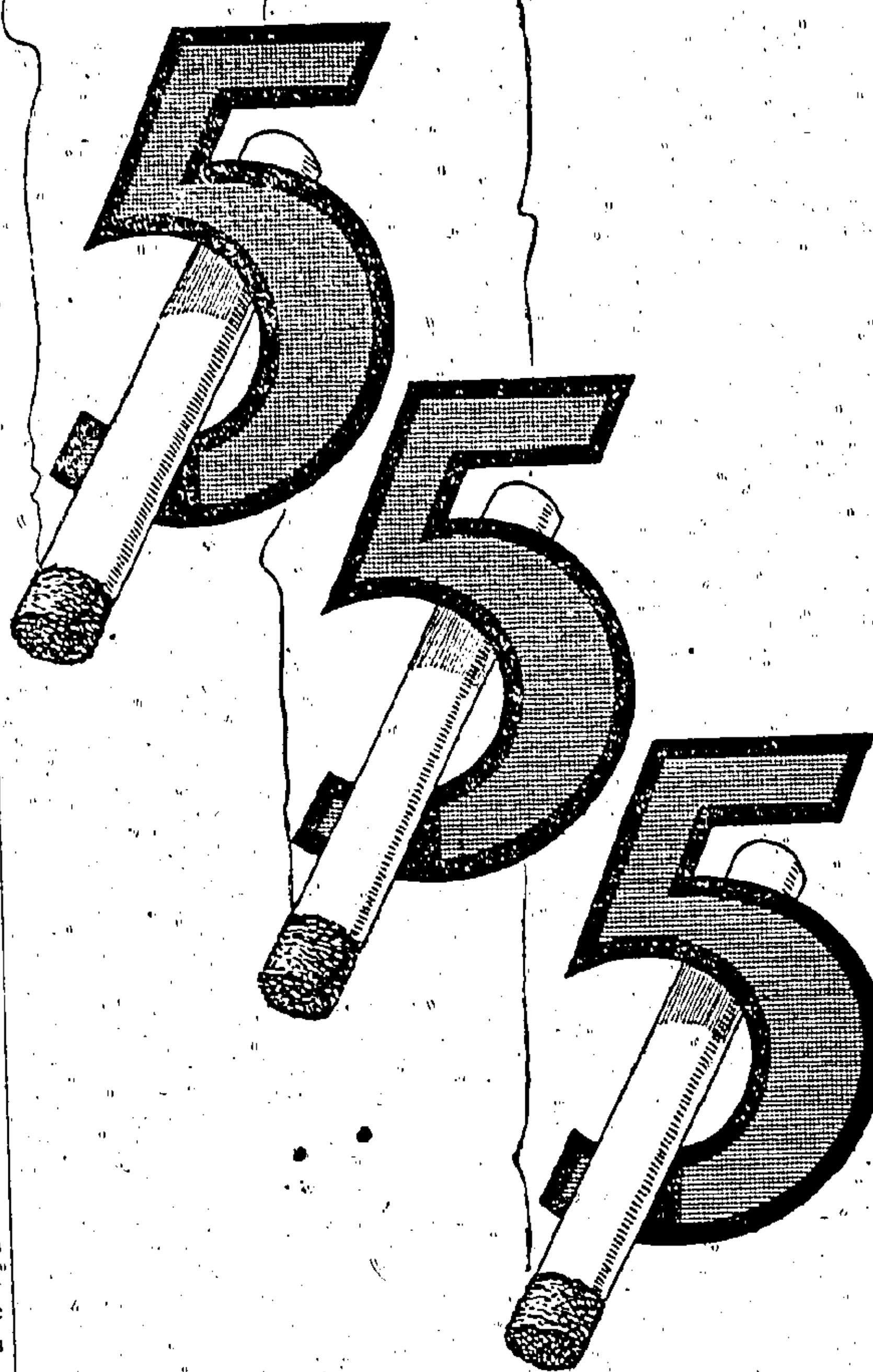
It is generally believed that Frenchmen are more polished, better mannered, than Americans. This is not so. I was astonished to find the difference. Americans are far more polite, more attentive and kinder to visitors. In France—in all Europe, as a matter of fact—visitors are shown to their rooms and left all to themselves. Over here people cannot do enough for you."

"The Americans have made me very happy. I would like to remain."

"The flappers here I do not like. They want to be too much like men. They want equal rights."

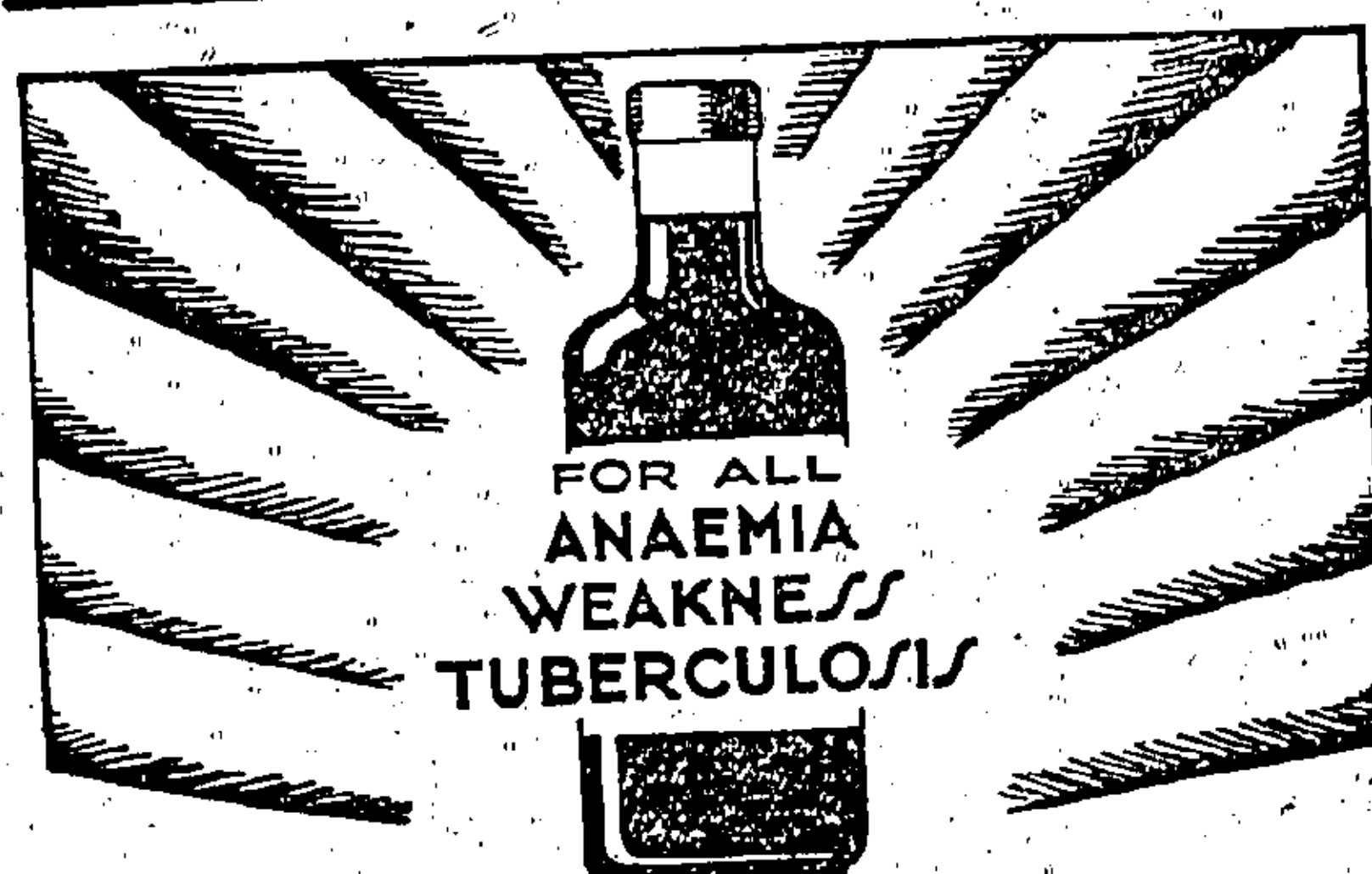
"I don't like Prohibition. Personally, I was never so mad about drinking as since I came over here. In France, where one can get anything one desires—well, one never thinks of such things. But here it is such fun to drink!"—*International News.*

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GAINSBOROUGH PORTRAIT
IN AN ALLEY.FOR SALE AFTER 145 YEARS
IN AN OFFICE.

"JOHN THORNTON."

Hundreds of thousands of people who pass week by week along Bishopsgate have never noticed Clark's place. Fewer still have ever been down it, and even fewer could tell you that in the humble offices of the Marine Society, at the far end of the alley there hangs for a hundred and forty-five years one of Gainsborough's wonderful portraits.

A Daily Express representative who went to look for it discovered it on the darkest wall of an ill-lighted board room. There are full-length pictures round two sides of the room, pictures glowing with colour, but the great work would scarcely be noticed; in fact, until the electric lights are turned on you can scarcely see it at all.

It is a portrait of John Thornton, and John Thornton was the first treasurer of the Marine Society, which was established to provide uniforms for naval volunteers who offered to fight for the King in the wars with France.

Afterwards the society devoted its funds to fitting out boys going to sea, and finally it became the organisation responsible for the training ship *Warrior*.

John Thornton was a benevolent man of means, and was happy in giving away from £2,000 to £3,000 a year. One of his daughters married the Earl of Leven. He befriended John Newton and Cowper the poet.

A year before he died he sat to Gainsborough for his portrait, and presented it to the society.

Willing to Sell.

The committee have now come to the conclusion that Gainsborough's "John Thornton" is worthy of more public appreciation than it has had down this court for 145 years. They are willing to sell, and whatever reluctance about the matter that might have been felt during this century and a half is overcome by the fact that the Marine Society is in need of £11,000 on account of the *Warrior*.

John Thornton himself seems unperturbed. He sits there comfortably, his back turned on the picture of old John Hawley, the founder of the society, better known as the man who first went along Cheapside with an umbrella, and was stoned by the sedan-chair boys as being an innovator likely to rob them of business on rainy days.

It is hoped that the Gainsborough will be privately bought and kept in this country. If publicly auctioned, "John Thornton" might be taken overseas, a fate hard to contemplate concerning one who has remained contentedly in the darkness of gloomiest London so many years.

O.U.D.S. IN "KING LEAR."

LIGHTING SUBSTITUTE FOR SCENERY.

The Oxford University Dramatic Society have never been lacking in courage, in their 42 years' career, and since Mr. Arthur Bourchier started the ball rolling with a production of "King Henry IV," they have made many experiments.

Rumour had spread this year that the show was to be a special effort and every seat for the first night was quickly sold. Queues began to form three hours before the first performance. Shakespeare's "King Lear" was chosen and again experiments were made. There were considerable cuts in the book, the scenery was very simple and remained unchanged throughout, but they used a combination of the very latest principles of stage lighting.

The background was a plain gold cloth which, by a variety of spotlights, could be made to change colour to suit any scene. The storm scene was especially good.

Costumes were as simple as they were effective, and the play was produced and directed by Theodore Komisarjevsky.

The cutting was judicious and mainly confined to the long speeches of King Lear and the Fool. In the second Act, part of Scene 3, was also transposed to allow the storm scene to be taken continuously, and this was most effective.

Mr. H. Grisewood as King Lear was excellent in patches, but not quite regal enough. He seemed to forget he was a mighty king at the start, and was fidgety. He was at his best in Act 1, Scene 3, where he curses Goneril, well played by Miss Dorothy Green. Mr. W. J. K. Diplock as the Messenger, and Mr. G. Joyce as Edmund, the bastard son of Gloucester, were always convincing, and spoke their words well with great emphasis.

Judging by the enthusiasm of the audience the Oxford Union Dramatic Society will be able to look back on one more success.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *St. Albans*, on March 29th, from Japanese ports:—Mr. R. L. Stewart, Miss W. Pender, Miss C. Matheson, Mr. F. Eberhardt, Mr. T. G. Obbisson, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ogilvie.

Per s.s. *Amazon*, on March 29th, from London:—Mr. R. Robert, Mr. S. P. Hill, Mr. D. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Hill, Mr. C. Grant, Miss Schou, Mrs. M. Snow, Mrs. A. P. Lee, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Isutani, Mr. J. Myler, Mr. R. Monuswami, Mr. Ng Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Perry and baby, Mr. Jaffray, Mr. L. Colin, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Averell, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lear, Mr. H. Lear, Miss A. Greg, Mr. Melorci, Mr. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. Bergesaud, Mr. Roulin Manne, Mr. Fontenay, Rev. W. P. Kempenaers, Mrs. Rieu, Mrs. Roque, Mrs. Kushner, Mrs. Fivard, Mr. Ostrowsky, Mr. Masud, Mr. Hofmann, Mr. Th. Corradi, and Mr. Nagai Seto.

Per s.s. *Paul Lecoq*, on March 29th, from London:—Mr. and Mrs. Sorano, and infant, Mrs. J. Bandinel, Mrs. R. Bandinel, Miss Lutz, Mr. and Mrs. Uhlmann, Mrs. Chollet, Miss E. Hoyen, Mrs. Establier, Mr. and Mrs. Andre, Mrs. Galvin, Mr. and Mrs. Meyrier, Mrs. Osterberger, Mrs. Langhorne, Mr. R. Chandon, Mr. W. B. Christian, Mr. H. Chaskelmann, Baron and Baronne Leijon, and infant, Mr. E. Hamowy, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Roth, Mr. Vachon, Mrs. Brault, Mr. Sasaki, Mr. K. Koriya, Mr. and Mrs. S. Chollot, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kuroki, Mr. Hamada, Mrs. E. Uhlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Guy, Mr. Petukhoff, Mr. Popoff, Mr. Berashsky, Mr. Kurmannoff, Mr. Edgar, Mrs. V. Bienne, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Gain, Mrs. O. P. Remedios, Mr. and Mrs. Campagnolle, Mr. W. Thompson, Mrs. V. Bassail, Mr. Forham, Mrs. Koyte, Miss Koyte, Mrs. Vialy and infant, Miss Benniveau, Mr. and Mrs. Pages, Mr. and Mrs. Van Buren and infant, Mrs. Dekkers and Theunissen, Mr. Becker, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Smith, Capt. Hansen, Mr. F. Gouhan, Miss E. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Delight and baby, Misses Morris and Weightman, Mr. and Mrs. Papeliere and infant, Miss Anderson, Misses Swan, W. M. Brown, Hodgers, Messrs. Dupont, Miller, Neys, Somer, Fonnont, de Black, Bly, Magima, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Metier, Mr. M. Jean, Mr. I. Ikki, Mr. Okada, Mr. L. Marthoud, Miss R. Sakai, Miss Hirata, Mr. T. Kikuchi, Miss Picklis, Miss Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Van Wijk, Mrs. Rosario, Mrs. Lopez, Mrs. Rosario, Miss Morago, Miss E. M. Varley, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Anderson, Mrs. F. de Portaria, Mrs. A. Portaria.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. *Paul Lecoq*, on March 30th:—Capt. and Mrs. Bull Moore, Mr. Ly Lap, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Smith, Mrs. Giannino, Mr. H. Savina, Mr. M. P. Louer, Mr. J. Schmitz, Mrs. M. Clements, Mr. C. H. Gale, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ballela, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargy, Mrs. V. Robinson, Mrs. A. Carridge, Mr. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barcelon and baby, Miss L. G. Janauy, Miss J. Janauy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Weil, Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Rev. Bro. Brasilien, Rev. Fa. P. Arguizariz, Rev. Fa. V. Ferrero, Rev. Fa. Luis del Rio, A. Martinez, Mr. L. H. Bixby, Mrs. Dauphin and child, Mrs. P. Veuille, Mr. J. van Boekel, Mr. J. Jezuquel, Mr. F. L'Hendri, Mr. J. Le Breton, and Mr. L. Le Guern.

Per s.s. *Empress of Canada*, on March 30th:—Miss C. P. Anderson, Mr. John Arnold, Capt. F. K. Brennan, Miss D. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Bourne, Miss E. Bourne, Mr. H. G. Clements, Mr. J. B. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Craig, Mr. J. W. Clark, Mrs. F. M. Calbourne, Mr. J. V. Cowgill, Mr. P. Gravath, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Castro, Mrs. V. McClure Church, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dick, Miss M. Donnan, Mr. H. C. D. Davies, Miss P. M. Donnell, Mr. W. T. Daley, Mrs. E. Frazier, Mr. E. Gallagher, Mr. S. H. Garrod, Mr. H. King, Mr. T. Hunter, Mr. D. D. Hunter, Mrs. F. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Humphries, Mr. O. Bulmer Johnson, Mrs. C. W. King, Miss D. King, Miss A. King, Miss E. King, Capt. and Mrs. T. T. Laurensen, Miss L. Laurensen, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie, Misses E. and F. McKelvie, Mr. E. Moore, Mr. M. W. W. McNeil, Col. R. Morgan, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Monaghan, Masters F. and G. Monaghan, Mr. R. E. Magnusson, Mr. G. L. Pest, Mr. E. Pemberton, Mrs. M. Potts, Mr. W. H. Peters, Mr. L. C. Robinson, Mr. N. Ritchey, Mrs. B. Robertson, Mr. Ramsay, Miss M. M. Stodghill, Mr. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Shove, Mr. A. B. Sice, Mr. A. N. Spencer, Miss A. Smith, Mrs. A. E. Smith, Miss M. I. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Thorburn, Miss J. Thorburn, Miss E. F. Turner, Mr. G. E. Towne, Mr. Henry H. Waples, Mr. S. E. Woodruff, Mr. A. R. D. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Williams, Mrs. A. H. Yano, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. M. Masuda, Mr. G. M. W. Frost, Capt. and Mrs. J. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. D. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Bittner, Mr. R. J. Bittner, and Mr. J. S. Mackie.

Per Dollar liner *President Pierce*, for Manila, on March 29th:—Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lake, Mr. Wells, Mr. E. M. Oliveira, Sisters Mary Barbara, Mary Francis, Mary Rose, Mary de Lourdes, Mary Raphael, Mary Monte, and Mr. Santiago Picorell.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 30th.				
Day	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	29.82	29.50	29.21	
Temperature...	61	65	68	
Humidity...	85	98	95	
Wind...				
Direction...	WNW	E	E	
Force...	2	4	4	
Weather...	OF	ORLT	O	
Rain...	0.13	0.00	1.32	
Highest open-air Temperature, 29th & 30th	66			
Lowest open-air Temperature, 30th & 31st	54			

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 31st to April 6th, 1927.

Day of Month	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	31	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.	h. m.
		8 31	5 0	3 21	0 8
Fri.	1	8 14	5 3	1 48	0 7
		8 58	5 2	2 37	0 1
Sat.	2	8 30	5 8	3 30	1 6
		9 00	5 7	3 24	1 5
Sun.	3	8 10	5 6	4 3	1 5
		10 45	5 6	4 10	1 2
Mon.	4	10 33	5 4	4 35	2 0
		11 42	5 0	4 58	1 1
Tues.	5	11 7	5 5	5 5	2 5
				5 49	1 2
Wed.	6	10 43	5 3	5 33	3 0
		11 43	5 5	6 49	1 5

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Hong Kong, 29th March, 1927. [4746]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Hong Kong, 28th March, 1927. [4738]

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29th March, 1927. [4739]

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ARRIVALS.

March 29th.

Bourbon, French str., 804 tons, Capt. U. Bianchi, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C4d—Hock Guan Hong.

Chukua Maru, Japanese str., 1,297 tons, Capt. K. Itoh, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B47—O.S.K.

St. Albans, British str., 2,538 tons, Capt. G. L. Smith, from Moji, which port she left on March 25th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tianjin, Dutch str., 3,614 tons, Capt. P. Meerman, from Dairen and Amoy, with empty drum and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25—J.C.J.L.

Yuan Jung, Chinese str., 906 tons, Capt. J. Miller, from Saigon, with rice and meal, lying at buoy No. C19—Yuen Seng Fat.

March 30th.

Bendloch, British str., 3,393 tons, Capt. J. Struth, from U.K. via Manila, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. Klette, from Chinwangtao, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laichikok—Dowell & Co.

Dorrie, German str., 578 tons, Capt. J. Jacobsen, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C17—Chau Yue Teng.

Ikoman Maru, Japanese str., 1,953 tons, Capt. T. Miyazawa, from Milke, with a cargo of coal, lying at Yumati—K.B.K.

Kaijo Maru, Japanese str., 1,128 tons, Capt. Y. Okura, from Swatow, with 500 tons of coal and 250 tons of general cargo, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Pramis, Norwegian str., 728 tons, Capt. S. Hovet, from Keeslung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49—Karsten Larsen & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,568 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. R9—B. & S.

Vas Heutz, Dutch motor ship, 2,730 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8—J.C.J.L.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Aeneas (Blue Funnel), due May 2nd.

Agapenor (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.

Afrika (Manners), due April 25th.

Antenor (Blue Funnel), due April 5th.

Antonyus (Blue Funnel), due April 22nd.

Arjuna (E. & A.), due April 4th.

Automedon (Blue Funnel), due May 21st.

Benuech (Ben Line), due April 2nd.

Carmarthenshire (Jardine), due April 5th.

Changte (B. & S.), due April 8th.

Collier (Melchers), due May 4th.

Delta (P. & O.), due this morning.

Desau (Melchers), due May 19th.

Diomed (Blue Funnel), due April 17th.

Elpenor (Blue Funnel), due April 28th.

Empress of Asia (C.P.R.), due April 29th.

Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due April 8th.

Fulda (Melchers), due May 31st.

Glaucus (Blue Funnel), due April 8th.

Glenley (Jardine), due April 14th.

Glenara (Jardine), due May 1st.

Hector (Blue Funnel), due April 2nd.

Hecan (Jebson), due April 8th.

Japan (Swed. E.A. Co.), due April 10th.

Jeyapore (P. & O.), due April 14th.

Kashmir (P. & O.), due May 12th.

Khiva (P. & O.), due April 14th.

Kt. Companion (Blue Funnel), due April 15th.

Lahore (P. & O.), due to-day, at noon.

Ludwigshafen (Melchers), due April 3rd.

Macedonia (P. & O.), due to-morrow.

Mantua (P. & O.), due this morning.

Mantua (P. & O.), due May 28th.

Misrapore (P. & O.), due May 10th.

Nellora (P. & O.), due April 14th.

Nyghza (P. & O.), due April 28th.

Phemius (Blue Funnel), due May 1st.

President Jackson (D.S. & A.M.L.), due April 4th.

Preussen (Jebson), due May 19th.

Salabangka (J.C.J.L.), due April 5th.

Sarnedon (Blue Funnel), due May 25th.

Scharben (Melchers), due April 21st.

Saarbrücken (Melchers), due April 9th.

Takada (B.I. & Apcar), due to-morrow, 3 p.m.

Talma (B.I. & Apcar), to-morrow, 7 a.m.

Tanda (E. & A.), due May 7th.

Tantalus (Blue Funnel), due May 13th.

Tilawa (B.I. & Apcar), to-morrow, 7 a.m.

CLEARANCES.

March 30th.

Chung Kong, for Tourana.

Derwent, for Singapore.

Dorrie, for Hoihow.

Fooning, for Canton.

Hanni, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Hui Ming, for Saigon.

Hydrungen, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Pratt, for Kowloon.

Shantung, for Swatow.

Tijpanar, for Singapore.

Van Heutz, for Singapore.

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Yeates raised the bottom end of his bedstead on two chairs and then got underneath the bed. He placed a woman's shoe on an iron mending last, which he placed over his throat in such a position as to be caught by the end of the bed when it descended. Then he knocked away the chairs and was suffocated.

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Apr. 26	San Francisco	Republic	May 28	P'mth-Cbrg June 6
May 4	Seattle	Aquitania	May 31	Cbrg-S'mptn June 6
May 10	San Francisco	Bonnie	June 11	Cbrg-S'mptn June 17
May 18	Seattle	Mariania	June 15	P'mth-Cbrg June 21
May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	Cbrg-S'mptn July 1
June 1	Seattle	Berengaria	June 29	Cbrg-S'mptn July 5
June 7	San Francisco	Olympic	July 9	Cbrg-S'mptn July 15
June 15	Seattle	Aquitania	July 13	Cbrg-S'mptn July 19
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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 15th April, at 3 p.m.
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

HEAVY ENTRIES REGISTERED;
LOCAL IMPORTS NORMAL.

THROUGH CARGOES
DECREASED.

No less than nineteen vessels arrived here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. Inward freights were normal, but through cargoes showed a decrease. Out of the 19 arrivals, eighteen discharged here. The total amount unloaded was 14,922 tons. Of these only 894 tons were from four British steamers.

In addition to general cargo brought into the Colony, there were also 15 tons of glass and 3,233 tons of coal and coke for local consumption. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Typhoon*, from Surabaya and Swatow, and the Japanese steamer *Izuma San Maru*, from Miki. The former vessel brought 2,455 tons and the latter 4,190 tons.

Through freights were carried by seven steamers. The total amount manifested was 9,370 tons. Of these, one British steamer contributed 830 tons.

In addition to general cargoes, there were also shipments of 50 tons glass and 1,350 tons of coal and coke.

The best return was 5,600 tons carried by the Danish steamer *Annam* from Copenhagen and Singapore.

During the period under review, there were 19 arrivals and 16 departures. The nationalities were: British, 4 arrivals and 6 departures; Japanese, 2 arrivals and 4 departures; Norwegian, 2 arrivals; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 2 departures; Danish, 1 arrival; Dutch, 3 arrivals; French, 4 arrivals; German, 1 arrival and 1 departure; American, 3 departures.

The following were the cargo carriers:

S.S. *Hydrangea* (British) from

Fort Bayard, 47 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Telemachus* (British) from

Singapore, 28 tons salt fish for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Benduch* (British) from

Manila, 400 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *St. Albans* (British) from

Yokohama and Moji, 14 tons general for Hong Kong and

830 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Kano* (French) from Hai-

phong and Port Bayard, 300

tons coal and rice for Hong

Kong.

S.S. *Paul Lecat* (French) from

Marseilles and Shanghai, 4

tons general for Hong Kong

and 203 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Amazon* (French) from

Marseilles and Saigon, 147

tons general for Hong Kong

and 837 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Burbon* (French) from

Saigon, 1,800 tons rice and

general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Typhoon* (Dutch) from

Surabaya and Swatow, 2,455

tons general for Hong Kong

and 306 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Van Heutz* (Dutch) from

Amoy and Swatow, 1,000 tons

general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Typhoon* (Dutch) from

Dairen and Amoy, 103 tons

alcohol and 11 tons general

for Hong Kong and 2,296

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

PASSENGERS COMING AND
GOING.

HEAVY INFUX OF ASIATICS
INTO THE COLONY.

[BY A LONGSHOREMAN.]

There was not much doing at the waterfront yesterday, the wharves at Kowloon being rather empty after the American liners had left.

Vessels in Harbour.

There were 71 vessels in the harbour up to yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The nationalities were: 31 British; 2 American; 12 Norwegian; 3 Japanese; 17 Chinese; 6 Dutch; 2 Portuguese; 5 French; 1 German; and 1 Danish.

Flocking Into The Colony.

The number of Asiatic deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, showed an increase of over 500 per cent, as compared with a return of the previous day. There were altogether 2,914 Asiatics landed on Wednesday, the majority being from Swatow. The s.s. *Paul Lecat*, arriving from that port brought 1,231 of them.

S.S. "Paul Lecat."

The M.M. liner *Paul Lecat* arriving here yesterday from Marseilles and Saigon, brought 25 first class, 20 second class and 47 third class passengers into the Colony. The liner also carried 67 first class, 53 second class and 30 third class through passengers. In a report made to the Harbour Office, the master of the vessel stated that two cases of mumps broke out during the voyage from Saigon to here.

The *Paul Lecat* left here yesterday for Shanghai, about 40 passengers embarking from here.

Another liner belonging to the same company, the s.s. *Amazon*, which arrived here on Monday and left later for Shanghai, brought about 84 passengers for Hong Kong from Marseilles and Saigon.

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tons beans, 354 tons cement

and 824 tons general for other

ports.

S.S. *Dorry* (German) from Swa-

tow, 250 tons general for

Hong Kong.

S.S. *Annam* (Danish) from

Copenhagen and Singapore,

600 tons general for Hong

Kong and 5,600 tons for other

ports.

S.S. *Promise* (Norwegian) from

Keelung, 1,000 tons coal for

Hong Kong and 800 tons for

other ports.

S.S. *Izuma San Maru* (Japanese)

from Miki, 4,190 tons general

for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Yun Feng* (Chinese) from

Saigon, 1,600 tons general

and 1 old motor car for Hong

Kong.

S.S. *Yan On* (Chinese) from

Swatow, 80 tons general for

Hong Kong.

S.S. *Chukwa Maru* (Japanese)

from Swatow, 200 tons general

for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Corona* (Norwegian) from

Chinwangta, 15 tons glass,

3,253 tons coal and coke for

Hong Kong and 1,250 tons

coal and 60 tons glass for

other ports.

Prominent Passengers.

The new French Vice-Consul, Mon. Lucien Collin, arrived here by the s.s. *Amazon* and the following passengers by the s.s. *Albans* from Japan:—Mr. R. L. Stewart, Miss W. Ponder, Miss C. Matheson, Mr. F. Eberhardt, Mr. T. P. Obbinston and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Obbliva.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. B. Montargis left here yesterday on the s.s. *Paul Lecat*.

When the *Empress of Canada* left here yesterday for Manila, she carried about 80 passengers from Hong Kong.

Deportees Arrive.

Bound for their homes up-country, 48 deportees from Singapore arrived here by the s.s. *Telemachus* yesterday. They were under the escort of 18 armed Indian guards.

Among these bad characters was one woman.

Tired of Life.

A Chinese who was tired of life attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from a small ferry. He was not allowed to end his struggle in this world and was fished out of the water by the crew of the *Man Shan*. On arrival of the ferry at the Central Prison, the man was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

Left by "President" Liners.

When the s.s. *President Hayes* left here on Tuesday for Manila, she carried away 77 first class passengers from Hong Kong. The *President Pierce* carried 18 first class passengers for that port on the same day.

Sale of Steam Launch.

Messrs. Lammert Bros. will put up for sale to-morrow the steam-launch *Fei Hang*, which is now lying in the harbour of Hong Kong. The dimensions are: Length, 51 feet 3 inches; breadth, 11 feet 2 inches; depth, 5 feet 7 inches; gross tonnage, 31 tons.

"Kinshan" Docking.

The s.s. *Kinshan* will dock this evening on her return from Canton, and the service will be maintained by the *Lungshan*, *Taihan* and *Futshan*, with one daily boat and one night boat on alternate nights.

SHIPPING MOVEMENT.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* left Shanghai for this port on the 30th inst. at 7.30 a.m., and is due here on the 1st prox., at about noon.

The B.I. s.s. *Takada* will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta on Sunday, April 3rd, at 10 a.m.

The N.D.L. s.s. *Ludwigshafen*, from Europe, left Singapore on March 29th, and is expected to arrive here on the morning of April 4th. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan on the morning of April 5th.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m. stated:

There is little change in pressure distribution since this morning. The depression over Indo-China has become deeper.

Local forecast:—East winds, moderate, cloudy, showery.

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"KHYBER"	9,114	11th April, 4 p.m.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg, Bremen, and Harb.
"DEVANEA"	8,155	18th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Harb.
"ALPHEA"	5,373	20th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,580	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"LAHORE"	5,253	10th May	Marseilles and London.
"NELLORE"	5,853	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, B'way, and Harb.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	20th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOHRA"	10,198	30th May	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	10,902	31st May	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	9,144	5th June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	11,120	8th July	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	9,005	23rd July	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	16,519	26th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KAWALPINDI"	9,123	3rd Sept.	Marseilles and London.
"KARMALA"			Marseilles, London, & Antwerp.

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"TAKADA"	6,949	3rd April, 10 a.m.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"JANUS"	4,824	17th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th April	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	26th April	do.

